

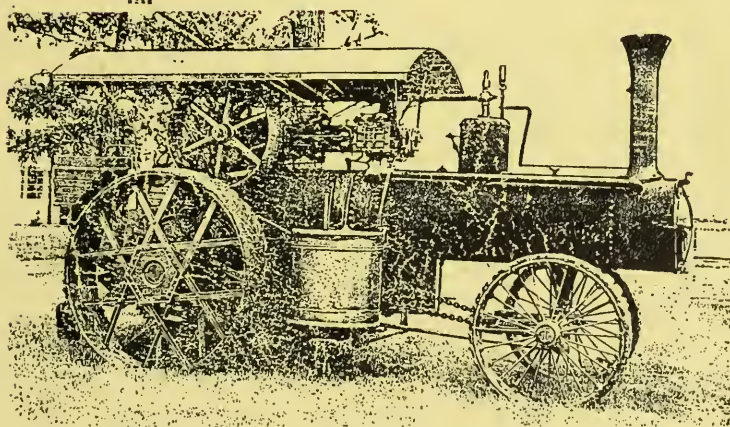
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— Mary Jane Page

Dedication

A Tribute to Our Pioneers

Have we stopped to meditate deeply on the debt we owe to those strong souls who paid the tremendous price, to those ancestors of hard hands, keen eyes, swift feet and matchless vision who paved the way and laid the foundation to make this country what it is today?

Abraham Lincoln stands at the top of that type of matchless folk who had the broad contagious humor, the keen vision of spirit, the geological patience, the depth of thought that comes from communion with God and nature that builds for humanity and makes all mankind brothers. He had the sterling pioneer qualities that make our state proud to be called "The Land of Lincoln." So through the years, Newman — Illinois — the world, has had as their model Lincoln, "A Man of the Ages."

But back to Newman — and our native pioneers. True, their lives were rugged and bare at the best, yet they were not devoid of happiness. They knew the joy of honest toil and well earned accomplishments.

Their imagination became practical as they saw their dreams grow into realities in the shape of cultivated fields, passable roads, and livable homes. Our pioneers wasted no time analyzing their emotions, but filled their minds with thoughts of improving their conditions, in building a country for themselves and their posterity. Only we realize the victory won by these conquering ancestors.

True, they faced the hardships of primitive life and yet, they knew the blessings of close communion with nature. Through this meditation, no doubt, came a deeper and more lasting faith in God's love, protection, and comfort in all their needs.

And so, our words of appreciation in this Newman Centennial Book are to those, our pioneers, who fought for peace and freedom against many ills.

To those brave souls who, until now, no doubt, have received too few laurels, expecting none, deserving many, we acknowledge our gratitude.

In the words of the noblest pioneer of them all, the people "will little note nor long remember what we say here but" they "can never forget what they did here." So, to those who gave their "full measure of devotion" we humbly and gratefully dedicate those words of love and appreciation.

— Ada L. Brock



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In The Beginning . . .

An examination of the history of Newman's oldest, possibly most prominent, landmark — the city park — unravels much of the very earliest history of the city itself. The park site was arranged for at the time the town of Newman was surveyed and plotted.

Land on which the town is located was entered from the United States government by Isaac Howard, grandfather of Lewis H. Howard.

During Mr. Howard's ownership, he became indebted to Dr. Hiram Rutherford of Oakland on a note secured by a mortgage on this parcel of land. Acquiring money at that time was no easy problem and in looking around for means to settle the indebtedness, Mr. Howard related his troubles to the Rev. Peter Cartwright, circuit rider and preacher for the Methodist church.

In his efforts to help Mr. Howard, the Rev. Cartwright discussed the matter with B. F. Newman, another Methodist minister, and suggested that the two of them combine their efforts in an attempt to rescue Mr. Howard from his dilemma.

Rev. Newman, it seems, numbered among his flock several men of considerable wealth and of particular importance to future residents of Newman were two gentlemen named Matthews who were associated with a bank in Jacksonville, Ill.

Mr. Newman's approach to them on the matter of Mr. Howard's troubles was particularly timely. The Matthews, it was revealed later, knew that a railroad right-of-way had been projected to come through Illinois on the very line on which Newman now is located.

Shrewd businessmen that they were, they told Mr. Howard they would advance sufficient money to pay off the entire indebtedness if he could secure in fee 40 acres of land as near the center of section 31, township 16 north, range 14 west of the second principal meridian as possible.

That, Mr. Newman was able to do, and he plotted the town around the present city park, in lots with 20-foot frontage on the streets around the square. He named the town Newman, after himself. The park was given to the community with the understanding that it should be used as a building site for a "seminary", a stipulation that later gave rise to a dispute.

Newman had had a school previous to that time, but now constructed a new, two-story building in the center of the park to be used as a school, town hall and lodge

room by the Masonic lodge.

A few years later, it was decided to erect a school building on the present site of the grade school and the building in the park was moved away. The old building still stands however, and is used as a dwelling.

Soon after the school building was moved, the heirs of the Matthews family entered suit to have the land restored to them, since it was no longer being used as a site for a seminary. After considerable discussion and much heated argument, T. M. Swigart, who was mayor of the village, succeeded in reaching a basis of settlement and the city paid \$500 for a title to the park area and it became public property.

Three permanent buildings have been erected in the park. The first was the old school building and the second was the original two-story pagoda which served as a band shell as well as a platform for public speakers.

Many distinguished men have spoken from its platform, Joseph G. Cannon, Shelby M. Cullon and William B. McKinley, together with a number of religious leaders.

The present pagoda was repaired several years ago and the second story removed. At one time, the park was fenced for use as a pasture, and had a hitch rack for horses all around it.

John VanDyke arranged the planting of the trees. One tree was planted as near the center of the park as could be determined and other trees were located about 20 feet apart in circular fashion around it. The first pagoda was erected on the spot where the original center tree was located.

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May Newman's Centennial celebration be an outstanding success and revive pleasant memories for all who attend.

With best wishes —

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Everett McKinley Dirksen

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Life As It Was . . .

By Miss Louise McIntyre

From tradition at least, we know something about the lives of the people who lived in and around Newman before the 1870's. For the most part they (at least the leading citizens) were deeply religious. Social activities were closely associated with the churches. Especially in the country churches, they often went home with one another from morning worship for huge dinners with families and friends. They had quilting bees and barn raisings, both always the occasion for feasting. Perhaps neighborliness never reached a truer quality than in these early times because people were utterly dependent upon each other in sickness, death, childbirth, fire and all emergencies.

The men were busy clearing the timber if they lived in wooded sections; in breaking the ground and beginning to struggle with drainage if they lived on or near the sloughs. One of the very first needs on the Ridge was fencing to prevent the stock from wandering into the prairie grass and getting lost. These fences were first made of board slats (out of lumber from their timber holdings) but later hedge was planted for fences. Almost at once they set out orchards for food and trees for shade. They raised practically everything they ate except meat, which was largely game they shot or trapped. The women made most of the families' clothes from the spinning process on and for many years after manufactured material was available, they knitted all the socks and mittens. Candles were made at home and the adoption of kerosene lamps was slow as they were considered dangerous.

The Fourth of July was celebrated with an enthusiasm incomprehensible to today's citizens. They were so much closer to Revolutionary days. Almost everyone's grandfather had participated in those stirring times. The desire to do this holiday justice may well have been an underlying cause of the beginning of the fine bands of the period.

The early celebrations were marked with burning, patriotic speeches and singing. In the field of contests, by young men catching greased pigs, climbing greased poles, playing horse shoes and participating in foot races. The nature of the programs changed somewhat as time progressed — but speech making, vocal and band music continued to feature the all-day celebrations with fireworks at night.

Everyone from everywhere came; it would have been considered downright unpatriotic not "to go to the Fourth of July". Families brought picnic dinners (it was always the ambition of housewives to have the first fried chicken of the season for that occasion). There was lots of ice cream, the water barrel with its tin cup, noise from firecrackers and sometimes burns to be treated from the firecrackers and run-away horses from the same cause.

The Fourth of July to end all such celebrations was the one in 1916. World War I was on with the United States on the verge of entering it — and patriotism ran high. All organizations and most individuals worked for its success with a unity and enthusiasm equalled only by that being demonstrated in producing this centennial celebration.

A pageant portraying the history of our country was presented. The participants all wore elegant costumes of silk, velvet and feathers rented from a high grade theater company. One impressive scene was the signing of the Constitution by a group of Newman business men. Still

remembered as being represented are Benjamin Franklin, George and Martha Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, the then occupants of the White House. There were several impressive dances by groups of young people. One being the minuette by Eugenia Rutherford, Hortense Morrow, Eva Burgett, Kathie Kyde, Edgar Young, Emmerson Springer, Earl Swickard and Homer McIntyre.

There came to be fewer Fourth of July celebrations and more homecomings and horse shows. Many of the latter resembled county fairs with entries and prizes in canning, baking, sewing, a flower show, a baby show and the horse show with rousing homecoming entertainment.

The earlier shows were held around the city park but after Memorial Park was acquired, they were held there. The editor of the Independent estimated the numbers in attendance different years at 5,000, 8,000 and even 10,000 people. The crowds are remembered to have been surprisingly large.

For as long as there was a group of G. A. R. members, there was an annual recognition of the Battle of Shiloh, which seemed to belong distinctively to Newman. It was largely due to the enthusiasm of Mr. Sam Woodworth who had participated in that sanguinary affair, and it was discontinued after his death.

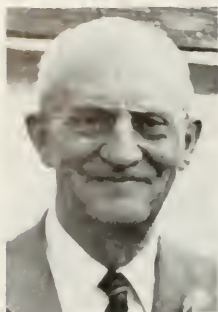
In reading old copies of The Independent, one is impressed with what a change has taken place in the causes of death during the 100 years of history. The three great early killers, and in this order, were consumption, typhoid fever, and pneumonia. The people were at the mercy of flies, mosquitoes and poor drainage. Screening was not invented until after the Civil War and not in general use before 1895. Even so, a great many people seemed to live their three score and ten years and among these, strokes were common. Of course there was always cancer; chills and ague was a bonebreaking sickness. In 1890, a new and terrible disease called the Russian La Grippe raged through the county. The influenza epidemic following World War I seemed very similar to the La Grippe. Summer complaint, an intestinal disorder which attacked babies in their second summer, killed an amazing number of them. There were occasional epidemics of diphtheria. People "died suddenly" but it was not until about 1895 that the term heart trouble seemed to be used.

We do, however, have copies of and clippings from The Newman Independent from the 1870's on and from perusal of same it seems evident that the people all along possessed the desire to "Live Modern" as they do today. Whatever was being done — Newmanites were also doing it.

First in the matter of travel. Since they had looked forward for 15 years to having a railroad, when it came they used it.

For many years there were eight passenger trains daily through Newman. People rode over to Hume to see a friend and returned on the next train going west. They went to Tuscola to transact county business. Quote: August 2, 1886, "A good portion of this town went over today to attend Barnum's Circus at Decatur". They went to Kansas, California, the Northwest, the Southwest, to Florida, to Hot Springs, to Texas, to Minneapolis to see the Ice Carnival, to New York, Washington, New Orleans, French Lick Springs, to Yosemite, to Decatur to attend a Theodore Thomas orchestra concert and a goodly number traveled to Europe.

There were so many excursions to Indianapolis and Niagara Falls that sooner or later every citizen must have been to those two places. Seemingly everyone old enough to appreciate the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 and the one in St. Louis in 1904 and some who were too young



Pictured below is the Kiwanieonn Hut, a gift from Dr. and Mrs. H. I. Conn, whose generosity and hospitality are well known to the people of our community. The building was completely remodeled and fully equipped by the Conns. It is heated by gas and well-lighted, has a banquet hall with table capacity for 100, modern kitchen, fully equipped, coat rooms and rest rooms. The deed and keys to the building and grounds were presented to the club by the above donors on its tenth birthday, Apr. 22, 1946.



FRONT ROW (left to right): Wilbur Thompson, Mrs. Harvey E. Winkler (pianist), John A. Coolley, Paul House, Mack Hollowell, Charles Reed, Stanley Baxter, John E. Pollock, Harvey E. Winkler, Asher Jones, Eugene Fox, William Rominger DDS. BACK ROW (left to right): H. I. Conn MD, Loren Biddle, Everett L. Tackitt, William McGaughey, Edgar D. Morrow, John R. Goodson, Frank

Ousley, John H. Trinkle, Irvin Toppe, Ray Wax, William Morrell, Russell Epperson, Carl S. Long Sr., Arthur Towles, Lloyd V. Boyer, Foster W. McCarty, Arthur E. Parr. Members absent: Fred Carter, Everett Campbell, Rudolph Dennis, Winfield Dennis, Bart House, Jewel Jenne, Ora Lawrence, Kenneth Neibch, Ray Trinkle, John R. Wagner.

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Lloyd V. Boyer	1948
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Carl S. Long Sr.	1952
Homer Epperson	1953
Wilbur Thompson	1954
John R. Wagner	1955
Asher C. Jones	1956
John A. Coolley	1957

(*) Deceased

to do so attended them. Two extra passenger trains were operated during the height of the latter season, bringing the daily total to 10.

In 1909, three of Newman's businessmen, Dr. Wagner, Mr. A. E. Havens and Mr. Scott Burgett enjoyed an extended trip to New York and Washington (where they were entertained at dinner in the home of Senator W. B. McKinley); from there on to the Canal Zone and home via San Francisco. This brings the story of transportation to the approach of the automobile and the gradual decline of local rail travel.

During the era of the railroad, the editor had no trouble in learning the travel activities of Newmanites. He simply met all the trains, little black book in hand, and there he had his news items. Through many of these years, a highlight of the day for the young people was meeting the evening trains (one in each direction) to see what was going on, then proceeding on to their dates.

As soon as there were trains much entertainment was imported. While from the clippings it is not always clear under whose auspices the programs were conducted, we know most of them were given in the old Opera House which was built in 1875. Almost never a week passed without the people gathering there. The field of entertainment was so wide one can give the merest smattering of various types.

January 13, 1883 — "The Japanese student Senesha Ogata gave a very interesting lecture on Japan."

April 1, 1886 — "Captain Seeley lectured at the Opera House on the Battle of Gettysburg and Libby Prison."

May 3, 1886 — "A Pole by the name of Sobieski lectured here on Temperance. He was the most amusing lecturer that ever spoke in Newman, keeping the house in convulsions of laughter."

1887 — "Olaf Bull and Troupe gave a classical concert here this evening. The finest thing that ever struck Newman."

The new Opera House built the next year after the old one burned was dedicated at Thanksgiving time 1904, with a play, "The Holy City", a really socialite occasion for Newman and where city theater prices were charged. During the 1870's and 1890's, troupes playing Uncle Tom's Cabin and East Lynne and also Indian Medicine Shows which pulled teeth on the side, were common.

As far back as we have news items, the men of Newman seem to have played baseball. The first diamond was located on the lot where Brown Rutherford's house now is. Newman seems to have won most of their games or else the savers of clippings were not enough interested in the ones they lost to make a record of the losses. Once when the fads of the town were playing the leans, M. S. Smith, the pitcher for the latter, came on to the diamond dressed in a mother Hubbard.

Miscellaneous items:

February 3, 1887 — "A grand wolf hunt came off today. A St. Louis Globe Democrat editor and a Chicago Times reporter took part in the chase."

Newman men who have owned and run race horses are Ed Calvin, John Gaines, Willie Fondin and Bert Myers, whose horse was "Hustler".

Two of the people's own activities bound to have brought them much pleasure, and now almost forgotten pastimes, were skating and sleighing. For some reason, the ice seemed to be better for skating in the days soon after the Brushy Fork ditch was dredged. Almost everyone enjoyed the skating parties in the evenings and on Saturday afternoon when there was ice. Outstanding figure skaters still remembered are Mr. Reuben Thomas and Mr. Fred

Lydick.

Forming almost a regular news pattern in the old papers would be the remark how bad the weather was one week, followed the next by how the young people enjoyed the delightful sleighing. And they rode and drove — as proved by the following quote:

February 28, 1908 — "The street commissioner keeps the streets in perfect order for pleasure riders gayly bowling along in the basquet phaetons and surreys, and for our fair equestrienne, who ride as frequently without as with an escort."

By the latter part of the 19th century, lecture courses and chautauquas began to be a part of the civic program and were well supported for a good many years. In addition to church choirs and the band, there were other musical groups, orchestras, choral groups, banjo clubs, etc. During the first quarter of the 20th century, Newman was fortunate in having Mrs. Lillie Allen Kyde, a dedicated musician, to live here, contributing to a high standard of vocal music in the town.

With the 20th century, the nature of good living in the town changed. The period of many palatial homes evolved and with them elaborate and gracious entertaining in large "at homes", elaborate dinners and evening parties. At the same time, small groups formed themselves into social groups, The Bachelor Girls, The Nine Such, The Fortnightly Eureka Cinch Club, The Seven Sisters and the B.O.B. Club. Playing cards became common, and card clubs organized. Since some of these continue and since we have come so gradually into life in Newman "as she is lived today", this seems a good place to stop.

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A Prophecy Fulfilled

"The time is not far distant when gas will be introduced here as fuel. Already has a four foot vein of coal been found 196 feet below the surface on the A. E. Ashmore farm near Newman."

This prediction is a quotation from an article written by Mrs. Mary Jane Page, wife of J. R. Page, which was published in the Newman Independent in 1888. Over 60 years passed before natural gas became available for heating Newman and then it did not come from local wells but from others in Oklahoma, Louisiana and the Texas Panhandle.

Huge 24 and 30 inch transmission pipelines, installed underground, pass by Newman less than 1,000 feet south of the city limits and supply gas to Indianapolis, Detroit, and many other cities in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Gas for use in Newman is supplied by these pipelines and distributed through mains of the Citizens Gas Co. which reach every part of the city.

It is a strange coincidence that just after gas became available a mine shaft was sunk to an eight foot vein of good coal a little over 200 feet below the surface just three miles west of the city limits! It is now producing over 10,000 tons every month.

When the "first settlers" came they established homes in the timber which grew in a wide belt along the Brushy Fork Creek from its outlet in the Embarrass river to a point a short distance east of the Douglas-Edgar county line. The timber supplied logs and lumber for their dwellings and barns, rails for the fences and corn cribs, and fuel.

The large fireplaces, used for both warming and cooking, required a "back-log", usually about four feet long and from eight to approximately 12 inches in diameter. It was placed at the front of the fireplace and "pole wood" (limbs, small trees and split wood) was placed between the back log and rear wall. If the settler was "handy" with an axe, and willing to work hard, he could cut and "chop" enough wood in one day to provide perhaps a week's supply of fuel. Most of these families also had a cross cut saw and it was also used, if help was available.

Every settler had a large iron kettle, holding 20 gallons or more, for use out of doors. They were elevated above the ground on flat stones and a fire kindled underneath. These were mostly used to provide hot water for butchering, the family washings, and to supply other needs. They

In loving memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scotten, my brother, Mr. E. G. Scotten, and my nephew, Mr. E. G. Scotten Jr.

— BERTHA SCOTTEN

were also used for rendering lard and making soap.

As a by-product of the fuel, the wood ashes were saved and placed in a "V" shaped "hopper" and water from rains, or poured on with buckets, passed through the ashes and was caught in a trough underneath. This was the "lye" used by the pioneers — for making hominy, soap, etc. It was also used for scrubbing tables, floors and other cleaning uses. Nothing that could be used was thrown away. When ear corn was fed the horses, cobs were gathered up to be used in kindling fires. Shelling corn with a hand sheller for grinding into meal or for making hominy also provided cobs for fuel, stoppers for jugs, and other uses.

Wood burning heating stoves and cook stoves began to trickle in shortly after the settlement of Douglas county began, but there was no great rush to buy because they "cost money" and not many of the pioneers had more than a very few dollars.

In 1873, the railroad began to haul freight and soon carloads of coal from the mines in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia came to Newman. It at once became the leading fuel, a position it held for 75 years. Its use as fuel made central heating possible. Anthracite coal was brought from Eastern Pennsylvania to be used as fuel in baseloaders.

After the railroad came, elevators were built and corn shelling equipment installed and the cobs were given free to anyone who would haul them away. Cobs made good summer fuel; they ignited easily, burned rapidly and allowed a stove to cool quickly. Kerosene and gasoline were fuels in limited use for summer cooking but the appliances were considered tricky and dangerous. Electric stoves came along about 1900 and are still in favor. Fuel oil and propane gas are in general use in farm homes.

Sutton

Darius and Harriett Hendershot Sutton came to Illinois from near Waynesburg, Green County, Pa., in 1868. They had four sons, John, George, Wiley and Mulford; one daughter, Mary. They were Pennsylvania Dutch.

Being farmers, they settled near Fairmount, because of elevator service. They lived in that community until 1874, coming to Newman after the railroad was built through Newman in 1873.

John was the only son serving in the Civil War. He married Mary E. Zollers and they had seven daughters and one son. John engaged in ditching, having helped dig the ditch west of Newman, known as "Uncle John's Ditch."

George married Sarah Jane Gillogly. They had six boys and four girls. George farmed several years then owned a poultry house.

Wiley was a contractor and builder, then later engaged in insurance. He married Violet Jane Potter. They had three daughters and one son. Mulford clerked for years in Root Bros. Store and later owned a grocery store. He married Sena Lonsdale. They had two daughters.

Mary married Neal Carroll, who farmed near Newman and Allerton, later Sidell. They had four sons, one daughter.

There are second and third generation descendants of Darius and Harriett Hendershot Sutton living in Newman.



The Thomas Lumber Co. was established in 1874 by Mr. Reuben Thomas and operated by Mr. Thomas until his death in 1914. His son, Howard Thomas, managed the yard until 1919, when the company was leased to the Fred A. Smith Lumber Co., a line yard concern. It was operated as the Fred A. Smith Lumber Co. until 1941, when the company was purchased by Mr. Elmer Lyon, who owned and operated it until his death in 1946. At that time, the yard was sold to the present owners and operators, Paul and Bart House, under the name of Newman Lumber Co.

Newman Lumber Co.

EARLY SETTLERS

The Joseph Skinner Family

Joseph Skinner was born in the state of Maine on April 15, 1803. When a young man, he went from his native state to Ohio and as he had a knowledge of the trades of shoemaker, carpenter and mason, easily found employment. He met Mary (Polly) Gaston in Meigs County, Ohio, and they were married on the ninth of September, 1824, by Rev. Aaron Hatch. Polly was born on June 22, 1808, the youngest child of Thomas and Sarah Chatman Gaston. Thomas Gaston had served seven years as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and afterwards, induced by liberal land grants, had emigrated to Canada. But because of unfriendly feelings between that government and the U. S., he disposed of his property at a sacrifice and moved his family to Ohio in 1807. Thomas died in 1823 and Sarah Gaston died some years later, while with relatives in Indiana.

Soon after their marriage in 1824, Joseph and Polly Skinner moved to Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana. Here Joseph worked at shoemaking and the making and laying of bricks. The first seven of their thirteen children were born in Indiana.

In 1839, Joseph drove, with his wife and family in a covered wagon, to what was then Coles Co., Ill., now known as Douglas County. They located in an old log cabin in the timber about one and one-half miles from the present site of Newman. There were only seven other families in the township at th's time, namely: Anson, Gaston, Howell, Hopkins and three families by the name of Winkler. The little settlement was known as the "Brushy Fork of the Ambraw". The trail of the Red Man was still visible and the wolf and deer were as plentiful as leaves in autumn. The severities of the pioneers' life were difficult to survive. The land was heavy with timber and useless swamps and cut off from any pioneer industries, the settler had to depend upon his own skills and the resources of the timber to supply their meager demands.

Joseph burned a brick kiln on the banks of the Brushy Fork Creek in 1839, it being the first one burned in this part of the state. For a while, he was occupied with making brick but finally bought land at a private sale. The family lived about two years in the old log cabin, but when Joseph bought the land, they moved into the good log house which was located thereon. Joseph was the first man in the locality to do any ditching and did it with plow and ox team. He bought more land from the government and secured some by buying the land warrants from Mexican War Veterans. He bought his land ranging in price from \$1.10 per acre and up. He owned about 700 acres at the time of his death.

Joseph Skinner was a Whig in politics. He had served as an enlisted soldier in the Black Hawk War. He, with his boys aiding him, followed breaking prairie land until his death, which occurred on July 21, 1857. Although

Joseph did not live to see the growth and development of Newman, he had done much to turn a wilderness into good farm land. Polly Skinner died on Oct. 11, 1865. There will be dozens of their descendants joining in the first Centennial celebration this August 1957, as many live in the township. We, who today live with all the modern conveniences can be truly proud of our honest, hard working forebearers. Below are the thirteen children of Joseph and Polly Skinner.

1. Hannah R. was born April 25, 1825. She was married to Benjamin W. Hooe in 1841. He was a native of Kentucky and had come overland to the township in 1833. They were the parents of 17 children: William Henry, Sarah, Joseph, Enoch, Semele, Mary, John, Caroline, Isaac, Phebe, Hannah Belle, Benjamin Wiley, Charles, Ella, Grant, Sherman and one son who died at birth.

2. Phebe was born February 8, 1827. She married Josephus Walters and they had two daughters, Esther Kincaid and Rebecca Walters McPowell.

3. Isaac was born January 5, 1829. He married Mahala Drake and they had one son, Robert Alva. Mahala died and he married Mary Lewis Hill. She died and his third wife was Catherine Bell Barnes. Their children were Katie Hinds, Margaret Evans, Elvin, Arthur and Walter Burt, who died at three years.

4. John was born on April 4, 1831. He married Hannah Ringland, daughter of Dr. Ringland, one of the first physicians in the township. She died within six weeks after marriage and he never remarried.

5. Esther was born on April 6, 1833. She was married in 1852 to Norman Peters, and they had two sons, Ure and Wiley. Esther died at 23 years.

6. William W. was born Nov. 12, 1835. He was married to Melvina Hendershot on April 6, 1867. Their children were Ilma and Charles H.

7. Enoch was born March 8, 1838, and died when only eight months old.

8. Anson was born on October 3, 1839. He was married on May 4, 1865, to Christina Drake. They had four sons: Charles, Sherman, Ellsworth and Jesse.

9. Henry C. was born November 1, 1842. He was married to Celia Huff on April 20, 1869. They were the parents of Nora Wood and Ernest.

10. Joel was born December 5, 1844. He married Carrie Higgins. Their children were Howard B. and Cloyd Skinner.

11. Harvey was born July 8, 1846, and died when one month old.

12. Joseph D., Jr., was born Nov. 21, 1848. He died at 16 years of age.

13. Benjamin was born August 25, 1851, and died Oct. 10, 1866, aged 15 years.

— Compiled by Virginia Biddle Thode

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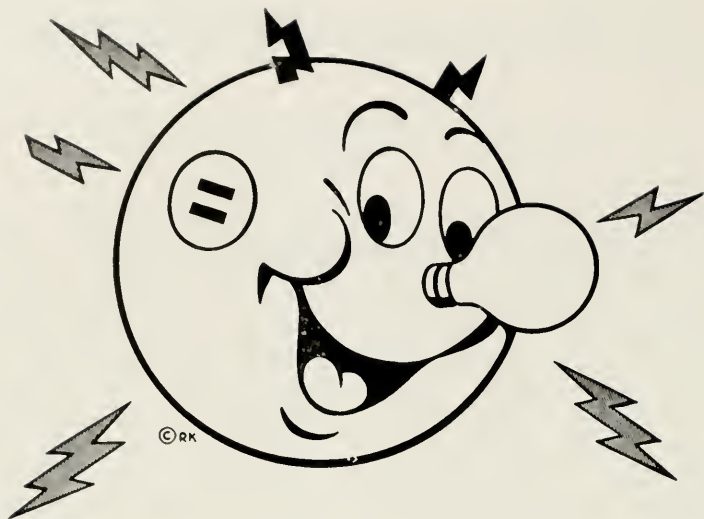
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The G. W. Brock Family

In about the year 1870, a handsome six-footer named George Wesley Brock from Macon County, Illinois, met a charming young lady named Malinda Van Hook from Sangamon County, Illinois. They fell in love, and in the course of time were married in what they always termed, "a most beautiful wedding." This happy event took place in the home of the bride's uncle, Uriah Mann, a well-known pioneer who gave the entire wedding in honor of his favorite niece. The old two-story house still stands — a fine old landmark near the site of Camp Butler, seventeen miles east of Springfield.

For the first two or three years of the couple's married life, they lived in Niantic, Illinois. Here, they had the sorrow of losing a daughter, Ethel, when she was only about one year of age.

Later, they decided to move to Douglas County, so they bought land about three miles northwest of "the Ridge." This place has long since been known as "The Fuller Freeman Farm." Here, "Wes and Linda" as they were called by their friends, lived for twenty or more years. Their house was a very modest three-room cottage. Into this home came three more children — Leslie, Harry, and Ada.

The activities of this family followed about the same pattern as those of other staunch, hardworking, pioneer farmers of that day. The community social as well as the religious center was the old "Prairie Chapel Church" then located about two miles west of their home.

How well I remember in the old country church, after the Sunday morning services, the typical conversation that ran much as follows:

"Good morning, how are you?" The answer inevitably came, "Oh, just tol'able-like." "How do you do?" The response was always, "Oh, just tol'able like." No one would ever have presumed the right of having risen above the "Tol'able" station in life!

There was no "keeping up with the Jonses" with the members of that congregation as there were no "so called Jonses". There were just Akers, Chapmans, Fleeners, Howards, Harts, Hanleys, Johnsons, Mavitys, Rolls, Randalls, Taylors, Buckinghams, Bales, Brocks, etc. etc. But what a group of fine worthwhile citizens!!

After about twenty years, my parents built a lovely new two-story house. Hardly had we moved into our new home, until Leslie and Harry were stricken with pneumonia and both passed away within one week. My father and mother decided to leave the scene of their sorrow, so in the following autumn, we moved into Newman.

My mother passed away seven years later. At this point, I wish to take the liberty of paying a tribute to her memory. I never cease to marvel at her sweet Christian spirit and her uncommon, common sense. Once when I was in my very early teens and was greatly lacking in the sense of values I said, "I don't want to go to that church any more, nobody goes there but trash." She so quietly answered, "Well, you go and there will be one there who isn't trash." What a lesson I learned from that timely remark and how I have remembered it through the years! I feel I can truly say of my dear mother,

"None knew but to love her,
None named her but to praise."

In 1909, my father was married to Mrs. Susan J. Nichol-



son of Niantic, Illinois. She had one son, Guy, that many will remember as a most congenial business man in Newman, for years. She passed away in 1923. Guy moved to Texas where he lived until he passed away a few years ago. Many friends will remember "Mother Susan" as the talented, congenial, person continually radiating fun and happiness wherever she chanced to be. Her greatest contribution, however, was her leadership in the music of the church.

Concerning my father who passed away in 1926, I wish to say, he was always proud to state that he was a strict prohibitionist. He was one of the charter members of the First State Bank of Newman. He was a devoted member of the Christian Church and held the office of deacon or elder since he was a young man. One of my earliest and most treasured memories is seeing my father serve at the communion table. In a word, my father was that loyal, rugged type, physically, mentally, and spiritually, of pioneer citizen who helped to make this town and community what it should be.

In closing, a word about the writer of this brief historical sketch. I can simply say, life is always interesting and I am thankful to be here. I am sincerely grateful to my parents for their Christian teaching and for their care. And I wish to add a word of thanks to my friends whose kindness through the years has helped to make my life both fortunate and happy.

— Ada L. Brock



LOWE POST G. A. R. . . . Twenty-five years after Appomattox.

The Grand Army Of The Republic

The War of the Rebellion, or Civil War between the States, is a great landmark in the history of the nation. It is of no less importance in the history of Douglas county, coming only a few months after its formation in 1859.

The population of Douglas county in 1860 was 7,109, which included men of all ages and the women and children. The quotas set for the county to Dec. 31, 1864, totaled 1,177 and the enlistments, all volunteers, were 1,175.

At the outbreak of the war, Newman was in its infancy. In fact, township organization had not yet been established in Douglas county and didn't come until 1867. However, it was the only recorded town site in the eastern end of the county and was regarded as the center of this immediate vicinity.

In July of 1861, 28 men from this vicinity enlisted in Company D of the 21st Illinois Infantry, a part of General Grant's first command, and in a short time, 20 enlisted in Co. H of the 27th Illinois and 45 in Co. E of the 79th Illinois. Co. A of the 70th Illinois was mustered in July 2, 1862 with 19 men from this vicinity on the rolls. Others were Co. G of the 135th Illinois with 6 and 14 went to Co. F, 149th Illinois, and 11 to the First Missouri. There were also enlistments in other regiments. Most of the Illinois troops served in the western theater of the war, only a few cavalry regiments being sent to Virginia and the east.

The 21st, 25th and 79th Illinois regiments took part in most of the major battles in the west and they suffered severely. The 79th took fearful punishment in the battles of Murfreesboro (Stone River), Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, and Franklin, losing 484 men in the four battles.

In addition to the men who were killed in battle or who died from wounds and disease and are buried in National Cemeteries, are those who died in prison stockades. Seven men from this vicinity — B. F. Allison, Aaron Britton, Isaac Cross, William Grace, D. N. Howard, E. H. Neal and Bert Stilwell — died in Andersonville and are buried there. Two others who were freed at the close of the war were returning north on the Mississippi river steamboat "Sultant" when it blew up and sank, resulting in an appalling loss of life. The body of John Welliver was not recovered and C. A. Coykendall was so badly injured that he died before he could reach home. Others from this vicinity who were in Andersonville but survived were Henry Cutsinger, Frank Dixon, Oliver Good, Anson Skinner, John Skinner and Samuel Hawkins. This list probably is incomplete.

After the surrender at Appomattox, the survivors came

home. Some moved to other places and many "old soldiers" moved in and made their homes here. Among those were four who had "worn the gray" — John Richards of the 1st Battalion of Wheat's Louisiana Division, who had been in Stonewall Jackson's army in The Valley Campaign and who later served as a courier for Jackson and Robert E. Lee; John L. Teal of Co. A, 54th Virginia, CSA; H. C. Davidson and R. L. Trimble. Flowers are placed on their graves Memorial Day.

Lowe Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was established soon after the close of the war. It continued in existence until the death of Laban A. Timmons in 1937. He was the last survivor.

The historical committee of this Centennial celebration wanted to honor the valiant men of the Grand Army by listing their names as a Roll of Honor in the Centennial book. It came as a complete surprise to find that a record of membership had not been kept by Lowe Post of the G.A.R. Only a few of the monuments and markers at the graves of 159 veterans of the Civil War list the company and regiment in which they served. Many hours of search through biographical sketches in county histories, reading clippings of old news stories and obituaries which have been preserved in scrap books, and questions have been productive. Fortunately, some articles written by D. O. Root were available.

Here is the list:

Isaac Allison, Co. G, 135th Ill.

Coleman Albin, Co. A, 70th Ill.

Silas Andrews, Co. A, 70th Ill.

In Memory Of

Susan and Daniel Cole

Birde Cole Martin

Samuel A. Albin, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Samuel Ayres, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Charles Allison, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 B. F. Allison, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 Isaac Ayres, Co. A, 6th Ind.
 Ben F. Ayres, Co. K, 12th Ind.
 H. S. Albin, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Harvey Bane, Co. H, 79th Ill.
 George Baney, Co. H, 60th Ohio
 James Barr, Co. C, 8th Ill.
 George D. Barnett, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 John L. Berkley, Co. C, 8th Ill.
 Henry Busbey, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 Oliver Bell, 59th Ill.
 W. H. Bryant, Co. A, 58th Ind.
 Samuel Bradley, Co. C, 18th Ind.
 Henry Bender, Co. E, 31st Ind.
 R. D. Bostwick, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 J. W. Brinnegar, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 John R. B'ggs, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 William Brackett, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Arron Brittan, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 J. P. Bartlett, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 George W. Bivens, Co. E, 69th Ind.
 D. Taylor Corbin, Co. F, 163rd Ind.
 George Carroll, Co. F, 163rd Ind.
 J. W. Cook, 39th Ohio
 Henry J. Cutsinger, Co. E, 93rd Ind.
 M. D. Campbell, Co. B, 44th Ind.
 W. B. Cornwell, 22nd Ohio
 Cyrus A. Coykendall, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 George Carrington, Co. B, 11th Ill.
 George W. Corbin, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 Charles Corbin, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 Nathan B. Chilcote, Co. C, 150th Ill.
 John H. Cayhoe, Batt. C, 2nd Ill. Art.
 Daniel Coryell, 1st Mo. Cav.
 Isaac S. Cross, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 W. H. Covert, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 I. N. Covert, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Peter Chezum, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 John H. Cogshell, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Henry Cutler, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 M. Coykendall, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 W. R. Deem, Co. A, 7th Ill. Cav.
 John Daniels, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Steve Daniels, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 F. M. Daniels, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Frank Dixon, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Jessie Duvall, Co. A, 25th Pa. Cav.
 S. M. Donahay, Co. B, 33rd Ind.
 William Donahay, Co. B, 33rd Ind.
 William Drake, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 J. M. Drake, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 Joseph C. Eagler, Co. D, 72nd Ohio
 William B. Freeman, Co. H, 59th Ind.
 John O. Fields, Co. A, 154th Ill.
 William J. Fidler, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 Daniel Fidler, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 John S. Fidler, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 Jasper H. Fidler, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 J. Fieklin, Co. K, 54th Ill.
 James Gillogly, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Spencer Gillogly, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Stephen Gillogly, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Thomas Gillogly, 1st Mo. Cav.
 Isaac Glass, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Oliver Good, Co. B, 5th Ind. Cav.
 George M. Grace, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 William Grace, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 W. H. H. Gaston, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 Nelson Gossett, Co. I, 7th Ill.
 Bart Gaston, Co. C, 1st Mo.
 James M. George, Co. K, 151st Ind.
 Samuel Hawkins, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 John Hawkins, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 James M. Hawkins, Co. C, 1st Mo.
 Joseph Harvey, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Jonah Harper, Co. B, 159th Ill.
 John House, Co. E, 123rd Ill.
 W. W. Hendershot, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 M. Hendershot, Co. A, 168th Pa. Mil.
 A. T. Hurst, Co. H, 29th Ill.
 William Hunt, Co. C, 12th Ill.
 Joseph Howard, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 R. B. Huffman, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 David Hanes, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Harrison Hopkins, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 John W. Hopkins, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 Eli Hopkins, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 George Hopkins, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 Cornelius Hopkins, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Jeremiah Hopkins, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Harrison Howell, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 Jas. P. Hancock, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 David B. Howard, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Ezra Howard, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 John T. Hicks, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 James O. Hughes, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Alex Hess, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 George H. Hess, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 B. W. Hooe (Lieut.), Co. G, 135th Ill.
 D. N. Howard, Co. E, 59th Ill.
 James A. Hedge, 10th Ind. Cav.
 H. I. Ishim, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 James W. Irwin, 26th Ohio Bat.
 Thomas Johnson, Co. I, 1st Mo.
 Daniel Jacobs, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 M. D. Jones, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 Dr. J. T. Johnson, Co. C, 1st Mo.
 Z. D. James, Co. D, 85th Ind.
 John W. King, Co. I, 1st Mo.
 Frank Kent, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Stroder M. Long, Co. E, 12th Ill.
 Samuel L. Long, Co. K, 62nd Ill.
 William Liston, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 William R. Laughead, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Wm. E. Law (Capt.), Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Charles Lyons, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Wm. Leatherman, Co. I, 1st Mo.
 Samuel Lyons, 5th W. Va., Cav.
 James Laughead, Co. A, 7th Ill. Cav.
 Daniel Levin, Co. G, 135th Ill.
 James R. Leslie, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 James Morrow, Co. E, 12th Ill.
 J. A. McGee, Co. F, 49th Pa.
 B. F. Mitchell, Co. L, 5th Ohio
 O. A. Mulvane, Co. B, 80th Ohio
 W. Lincoln McCown, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 B. F. McAlister, Co. G, 135th Ill.
 N. B. Modisett, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Levi McDowell, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Peter Miller, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 J. J. Moss, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Benton McDowell, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 J. D. McDowell, Co. G, 135th Ill.
 F. M. Maddox, Co. G, 135th Ill.
 Charles Montgomery, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 E. H. Neal, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 J. M. Neal, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 James Neidifer, Co. A, 8th Tenn.,
 U. S. Cav.
 Valentine Norris, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 James McAdams, Co. C, 1st Mo.
 H. J. Neal, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 J. N. Outclut, Co. A, 1st Mo.
 Western R. Pinnell, Co. H, 59th Ill.
 W. J. G. Pound, Co. C, 8th Ill.
 Henry K. Potts, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Joshua Pence, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 W. H. Peters, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 J. C. Perry, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 William Potts, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 John H. Perrine, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 Samuel Perry, 55th Ill.
 Nathan Pearce, Co. A, 33rd Ind.
 David Quick, Co. H, 5th Ohio
 John W. Rush, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 Daniel O. Root, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 L. E. Root, Co. K, 3rd W.Va. M. I.
 Ezra S. Root, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 A. Ridenoure, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 W. B. Rude, Co. C, 135th Ill.
 John Robinet, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 J. W. Rohrbaugh, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 A. Rohrbaugh, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 W. H. Root, 3rd Ohio
 J. P. Ross, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Joel Skinner, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 William Skinner, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 John Skinner, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Anson Skinner, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 W. L. Sowers, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 John Sargent, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 R. W. See, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 Joseph Shute, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 John P. Smith, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Samuel Siegler, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 James Shute, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 Isaac Shute, Co. A, 1st Mo.
 Richard H. Shute, Co. A, 1st Mo.
 J. W. Sowers, Co. A, 70th Ill.
 Thomas Shaw, Co. G, 3rd Ind. Cav.
 J. M. Smith (Capt.), Co. B, 58th Ind.
 Samuel Shoemaker, Co. E, 12th Ill.
 Bert Stillwell, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 W. H. Smallwood, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 John H. Sutton, Co. F, 85th Pa.
 I. Streibich, Co. E, 66th Ill.
 Amos Shaw, Co. I, 10th Ill. Cav.
 Albert Siler, Co. B, 79th Ill.
 B. F. Shreve, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 John Stone, Co. B, 21st Ill.
 Osian Saterley, Co. F, 21st Ill.
 S. T. Stackhouse, 30th Ind.
 W. H. Stillwell, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 R. Thomas, Co. E, 196th Pa.
 J. L. Taylor, Co. I, 26th Ill.
 L. A. Timmons, Co. A, 123rd Ill.
 Wm. Turbyville, Co. F, 79th Ill.
 Joel Turbyville, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 E. E. Thompson, Co. F, 149th Ill.
 Joseph Vandine, Co. K, 62nd Ill.
 William D. Vaughn, Co. I, 61st Ind.
 James H. Wells, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 George White, Co. E, 12th Ill.
 John Welliver, Co. D, 21st Ill.
 Isaac Wheeler, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 A. J. Walton, Co. H, 25th Ill.
 William Winn, 116th Ill.
 James H. Wait, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 S. D. Woodworth, Co. K, 32nd Ill.
 S. M. Wait, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 James Watt, Co. E, 79th Ill.
 William H. Wells, Co. A, 70th Ill.



MEMORIAL DAY 1904 . . . Members of Lowe Post of the G.A.R. assembled at the northwest corner of the City Park prior to their march to the Newman cemetery to decorate the graves of their comrades. They are (left to right): Front row — Samuel Hawkins, unidentified, Albert Siler, William Hunt, Al McGee, A. L. McCown, Pete Wells, J. W. King, Samuel Woodworth, Samuel Long, William Turby-

ville. Second row — John Skinner, William Freeman, Joseph Eagler, Dr. B. F. Mitchell. Third row — George White, A. C. Bennett, Thomas Johnson, James Hawkins, L. A. Timmons, James Morrow, W. R. Henderson, L. E. Root, O. A. Mulvane, Spencer Gloggly, Joseph Howard, Oliver Bell, J. L. Berkley, D. O. Root. Rear — Joseph Vandine, James Barr.

Charles Wells, Co. G, 135th Ill.
S. K. Wilds, Co. A, 7th Ill.
Wm. H. Walker (Capt.), Co. H, 99th Ind.
Smith Winkler, U. S. Navy
John Yeager, Co. H, 25th Ill.
Frederick C. Yeager, Co. A, 70th Ill.
S. L. Young, Co. K, 52nd Ind.

man, Mathew W. Grace, Nathan R. Henderick, J. J. Harrington, I. S. Hill, Wm. Hinton, F. Joseph Holowell, J. F. Long, Calvin C. Maris, John Oder, David Regan, James Rhodes, Andrew Roberts, David Shafer, (First Name Unknown) Smith, Peter J. Swank, Jacob Swick, James Thomas, John W. Wells.

The following is a list of veterans of the Civil War whose company and regimental affiliations could not be determined, but who rest in honored graves in the four cemeteries in Newman township:

Newman cemetery — A. C. Bennett, Daniel Co'e, B. B. Campbell, G. W. Campbell, James Downing, John Fenwick, John Gilbert, W. R. Henderson, H. H. Hutchinson, G. Dean Hardman, O. C. Jones, Asbury O'Bryant, John Link, C. N. McAnally, John M. Vance.

Albin Cemetery — L. O. Casebeer, T. D. Curd, Samuel Gilbert, C. H. Gorman, William Harvey, E. B. Howard, William Hopkins, Harvey Hendershot, John Saffle.

Pleasant Ridge — James E. Bedwell, John W. Danner, David McLain, Robert T. Nelson.

Fairfield Cemetery — G. W. Brock, Simon Bradford, Ansil Brown, B. Joseph Bennett, George Burnett, William Barton, Jonathan Cable, Robert Dilworth, David P. Free-

IN MEMORY OF

J. M. (Dan) McCown	1855-1925
Mary Jones McCown	1862-1910
Walter W. McCown Sr.	1895-1945
Lt. Walter W. McCown Jr.	1919-1941

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCown were early settlers near Newman. Their son, Walter, and Lucille Church were married in 1916.

Their sons were Capt. J. Logan McCown and Lt. Walter McCown Jr. J. Logan is still in service. Walter Jr. was killed in World War II.

Stephen R. Margo K.

Phyllis Ann
and Roland Smith

Reyner P.

James P.

George E.

Edward

Ruth Ann

Paula

Marion

Ernest B.

and Margaret

Geo. Philip

and Rachel P.

Raymond W.

and Josephine

Alma

and Marion
Sanders

Ernest

and Mary B.

Philip J. Emily R.
1838 - 1896 1843 - 1909

Andrew

and Paulina A.

William J.

George
and May R.



Manford

and Ethel M.

Dr.
Benjamin F.
and Jane J.

ORIGINAL HOME 1868

Decatur
Died In Infancy

Blanche

Alice K.
and
Dr. Harry Sills

William L.
and
Margaret S.

Harold
and Fay

Ilene

Michael

Susan

Michael

Mary Margaret

William

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Loren Biddle

The Wagner Family



John Marquand Wagner, a native of Coshocton County, Ohio, son of Beal Adams and Emily Marquand Wagner, was born on his father's farm August 11, 1842. After the death of his father, at the age of thirteen, he came to Illinois where he joined the Marquand family located near Metcalf. Later he went to Central Illinois, where he taught school for several years. He returned to Douglas County September 13, 1864, after he was rejected for service in the Civil War because of tuberculosis.

For three years, he read medicine in the office of Dr. W. A. Smith and taught school near Newman. Later, he attended lectures at Rush Medical College, then opened his office for the practice of medicine in Newman.

Dr. Wagner was married at Charleston, Ill., on August 5, 1869, to Sarah Ellen Dunlap, daughter of Samuel and Lucinda Cunningham Dunlap. Samuel Dunlap, a surveyor by profession, had served from Lawrence County in the Illinois legislature for several years.

Dr. Wagner attended Bellevue Medical College, New York City, where he graduated in 1873. Mrs. Wagner with two children remained in Newman during his absence. Interested in community developments and to assist her husband in his education, she opened her home to the men constructing the railroad.

Dr. and Mrs. Wagner were the parents of six children, Joseph Ralph, Olive Orpha, Alice Belva, Hazel, Nina and John Dwight. Ralph graduated at Rush Medical College in 1895 and practiced for six years with his father in Newman. For reasons of health, he moved south and settled

at Palacios, Texas, where he practiced many years. He married Mary Isabelle Shaw and they were the parents of Ina, Helen and John Thomas Wagner.

Olive was married to the late Henley Eversole. They resided in Newman and were prominent citizens of the community. Their son, John Henley, lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

Belva Alice died in infancy. Hazel married Dr. Charles F. Voyles. They located in Indianapolis and have been residents of that city since. They have one daughter, Mary Ellen Voyles Blassingham. Nina married Dr. Orville M. Sherman and they have lived in Kansas City, Mo., many years. They have one daughter, Elizabeth Sherman Sharrel. John Dwight married Donna Roberts of Tuscola. They have one son, John Robert Wagner. John Dwight Wagner is a resident of Chicago.

Dr. Wagner enjoyed an extensive practice, beloved by his loyal patients. He served with sincere devotion at all times, under the difficult conditions and hardships experienced in a pioneer country. Many years he traveled by horse back, then in a one horse cart. He owned the first buggy ever brought to Newman, which was a real luxury. This was followed by improved buggies and carriages and finally by a seven passenger automobile, one of the early cars in Newman.

Dr. Wagner was long active in the Masonic lodge, serving many years as secretary. He was interested in civic and church affairs and with Mrs. Wagner was a member of the Christian church.

A Pioneer Doctor

Letters written at the time of an event, or of conditions at some specific time are the best source of factual information. Unfortunately there are few, if any, letters written by Newman pioneers during the 27 years prior to 1857 still in existence. Dr. Miram Rutherford of Oakland was a contemporary of the pioneers. He was a prolific writer and sent many letters to his relatives and others in Pennsylvania. Some of these letters are now in possession of his descendants. Below are some extracts taken from letters to a friend.

Independence, Illinois
March 10, 1841

Dear Sir:

It gives me much satisfaction to be enabled to address you from my new home in the far west; the land of the prairies and the vine.

I shall say but little of my adventures since I left the Lykens Valley of Pennsylvania. Suffice it to say that without accident or incident of any particular interest I arrived in Illinois in December last. I was about two weeks in selecting a location which I have done; so far much to my satisfaction.

The price of medical services is about double what it is in your country, and the range of practice is about as large as the upper end of Dauphin county. I have been kept busy ever since I located without losing a single patient. I already feel my footing to be firm.

I have had some seven cases of scarlet fever, which is a new complaint here, and my success and knowledge of the disease has been much to my advantage. In some sections if a child gets a bad cold with sore throat the Demon (scarlet fever) arises in the minds of the patients and the new doctor, booted and spurred, has to dance in attendance forthwith. From the frequent changes in temperature and the level, flat; and in general wet country, more sickness prevails than in the East but the disease is much more mild and susceptible to successful treatment. I believe that much of the ill health is owing to bad accommodations, and carelessness of the patients themselves. It is thought that sickness diminishes much in proportion to the improvement of the country, which is rapidly advancing.

But you will be expecting something on the subject of trade. Merchandise rates at about double the price that it is to you. Groceries at about one third higher. Much is done on the credit system but people settle up every Christmas and give notes or mortgages, or money if they have it. Merchandise of the coarsest kinds sell best. Groceries can be sold always for cash.

There are no stores in this place at present; last summer there were two. They united and took hogs and corn from many of their customers which pork, when fat, they drove to the Wabash river and sold for cash. Last year they sold \$15,000 worth of goods. Having been in business here several years they concluded to move to the county seat and next summer there will be only one store for a territory extending north and south 35 miles and six broad (average) along the Embarrass river.

Every season fresh settlers come pouring in and next summer large numbers are coming. The soil is as rich as any you ever saw and produces, even by most careless farming, abundant crops. This country is situated about 40 miles west of the Wabash river which is our great outlet for produce. A thrifty farmer can make more money

here from produce and livestock than he can in the state of Ohio.

The price of a first rate farm is about \$8 per acre. Still many good ones can be obtained at Congress price if a man would choose to settle a half mile out in the prairie. Prairie land is best; it produces better than timber land and resists the drought better than any other kind of soil. Good prairie land can be cropped in corn many years without impairing its fertility; the top soil is at an average 18 inches deep. The first settlement made here was about nine years ago.

One of the stores has attached to it a comfortable dwelling, and a stable. It could be rented for \$100 per year. There are lots which can be had from \$20 to \$45 on which he could build with comparatively little cost. I would not be so bold as to advise you to come out but I would be sorry, for my part, to go back. Money is scarcer here than with you. It brings 12 percent interest.

One great difference can be observed between the East and The West: The former remains "status quo" as the lawyers term it, but the West is marching on with giant strides. If you should determine to set your face to the West, let me know of it as I might be able to furnish you with some useful information and advice.

Oakland P. O., Illinois H. Rutherford

In another letter written July 14, 1841, are found these lines:

"There is at this time no merchant in this place and I know not when there will be one. There is but little merchandise in all the country, the pressure of the time having prevented merchants from increasing their supplies and any kind of goods will sell. If you would bring your old pieces and coarse stuff you could soon dispose of them. Groceries always bring cash and can be had in Cincinnati and St. Louis. A store is wanted badly; people have to go

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up to 25 miles and then not get what they want. This is great grazing country and the pork trade is still pretty good. As to the health of the country I consider it good, diseases yield much easier to medicine than in the East. In this section of the country, it has been about the same as other years, most of it beginning about the middle of July and lasting to the middle of October. The principal complaint was remittant and Billious fever, mostly remittant, however. I had a few difficult cases but the common run was easily cured. Generally it was not necessary to visit the patient more than once or twice. I have lost only one patient since I came to this country and that was a child who died of thrush. The people call in time and take medicine as it is prescribed. There is a grand cry here for a U. S. bank, the utility of such an institution in the west is incalculable. Money is scarce. Crops are good but there is little market for them. Many farmers haul their wheat 180 miles to the lake where it is \$1 per bushel. Here it brings only twenty-five cents."

The doctor first practiced medicine for a few months at Millersburg, an old town on the Susquehanna river north of Harrisburg. While there he became acquainted with a young lady of that town. In the early Spring of 1843 he returned to Millersburg and they were married. They purchased some supplies for their new home and these together with the bride's possessions were sent to Terre Haute. They made the trip in a buggy drawn by a team of horses. They drove long hours each day, averaging over 40 miles a day and were on the road 18 days, traveling on the Old National Road from Pittsburg to Terre Haute and on what was called the "Springfield Road" from Terre Haute to Oakland.

In a letter written Oct. 21, 1843, he said: "We did not begin housekeeping until in July as our boxes had not come to hand. I wrote to the towns on the Wabash and to Evansville on the Ohio to no effect. At last I wrote to Pittsburg and there they were safe enough. They were sent down the river to Evansville but the water in the Wabash was so low I sent a team and wagon for them (distance 145 miles). Everything was safe, nothing broken or spoiled. We finally received them on Sept. 9. We now have everything necessary for living and nearly everything we want. The necessity for keeping up 'caste' in this country is but slight as few people, however wealthy, furnish their homes with anything they can do without. Vegetation has been abundant, I never saw the prairies present such a gorgeous appearance as they did last summer. They are now on fire and the sky at all points of the compass is illuminated by their glare. The eye will never tire of the flowers of the prairie and the scent of their blooms or the brightness of their colors."

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Etta's family settled here in 1852. James came from near Fairmount. They were married and settled on the home farm in 1891. He was a great lover of horses. He raised and exhibited many fine ones.

Their children were Carmen Akers, Lucille McCown, Kenneth Church and Vera Walker.

He was married in 1917 to Elsa Schuette of Danville, Ill.

IN MEMORY OF

Uriah (Ide) Akers 1849-1904
Candace Jane Farley Akers 1857-1920
John Everett Akers 1893-1919

The Akers family came from Pennsylvania to Newman in 1867. Candace Farley's family came from Indiana. They were married in 1879 and started farming northwest of Newman. They moved to Newman in 1900.

They had three sons, J. Herbert, George Logan and John Everett.

John Everett served in the Navy in World War I.

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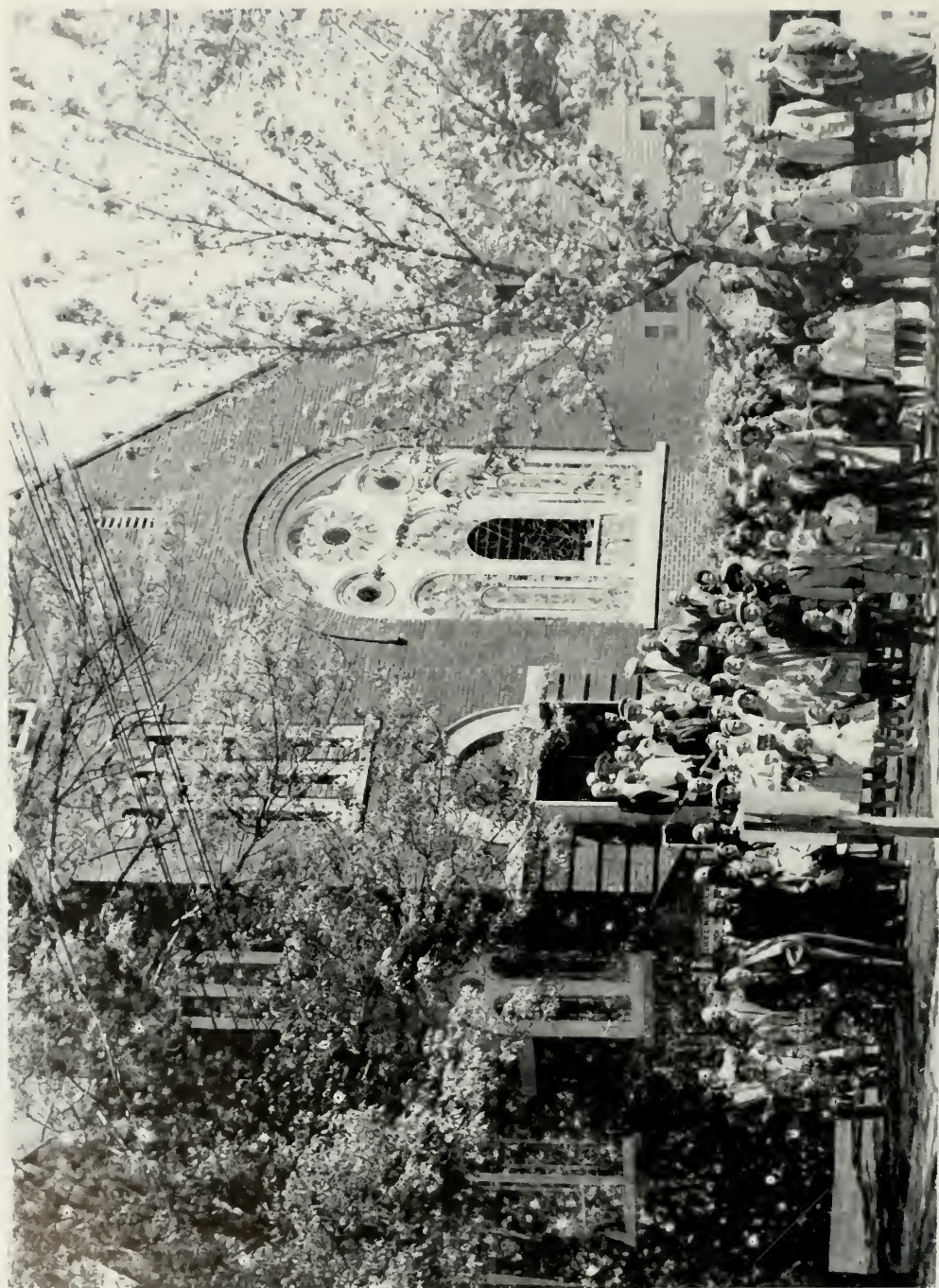
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That deeds long forgotten

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Slowly, yet more and more clearly, we see emerging from the distant past, the following: Harvey Bane, Jere Metcalf, H. S. Haines, W. W. Patterson, O. H. Coppeck, Mrs. J. M. Wagner, O. A. Mulvane, Mrs. James Barr, Dave Bane, A. C. Bennett, John Skinner, William Skinner, Harmon Gregg. In the hearts of these public and religious minded people in 1870 was born the idea of the First Christian Church of Newman, Illinois. These consecrated pioneers were evidently aware of the need of more religious leadership in the community, and no doubt desired to worship God as they felt was taught in the scriptures. So, they gave willingly of their time and means toward the building of the new church.

The original church, the second oldest church in Newman, was located on a large lot surrounded by trees on the south side of East Green Street, just three blocks from where the present church now stands. It was a white frame rectangular building erected at a cost of \$2,500 and considered a very fine structure. The lot was donated by Mrs. Martha Smith, one of the earliest members of the church. She and her several children were among the most active workers in the congregation.

The old building faced the north and had two entrances, one for the women and children, the other for the men.

One of the most attractive features of the church was the bell, installed at a cost of \$140. The church was dedicated in the winter of 1872 by Rev. B. F. Black.

During the years following the founding of this outstanding landmark in the community, the church no doubt felt heir to the regular changes of time and fortune. On the whole, the members must have been most faithful as between 1887 and 1930, the records show only two years without a regular minister.

February 19th, 1905, ushered in a very important period in the life of the Newman Christian Church as that was the date, that under the efficient ministry of Rev. J. G. McNutt, the new edifice was dedicated. The old church was sold and in this splendid new building, the members and friends have worshipped for over half a century.

Impossible, indeed, would it be to include the list of

those consecrated souls who gave unsparingly of their substance, time and talents to build this church for themselves and their posterity. But how happy we are that today one pioneer is still among us, upon whose shoulders rested much of the responsibility of this most worthwhile project. Without him, the work could never have reached the same peak of success. Across the pages of the history of the Newman Christian Church, in gratitude, love, and devotion, we write the name of our beloved Mr. Ira M. Mulliken.

The year 1905 was apparently one of the most significant in the history of the church. Not only was the new building dedicated, but December brought the famous revival conducted by the renowned Dr. Charles Reign Scoville and his talented singer, Mr. DeLoss Smith. During the weeks of this revival, about 160 persons were added to the church roll.

Much could be written about the advance the church has made, especially in recent years. The material improvements are beautiful and one needs only to enter the sanctuary to realize this fact. The services are most interesting, educational and inspirational.

We realize our present reaps the fruit of the past, so in this church history we pay especial tribute to those "we have loved long since and lost awhile". But we could not, we would not, lose sight of those loyal members of the present who are faithfully and steadfastly doing the deeds of service that make the church the greatest source of good in the world today.

May we draw near our close with a most glowing tribute to the present minister and his wife — Rev. and Mrs. Leslie C. Wolfe. If all the finest superlatives in our language were used to describe their wonderful leadership, their untiring labors, their devoted love and service to the church and the community, we still would have only real understatements. And so, may the Newman Christian Church united with a common bond with the other neighboring churches, continue in consecrated service for the glory of God and the uplifting of His people.

— Ada L. Brock.

S. C. Cash, Pioneer

Seaton C. Cash, son of Peachy and Mary Wright Cash, was born near Amherst Court House, Amherst Co., Virginia, June 8, 1831. When seven years of age, his father moved to Barbour Co., locating near Philippi, West Virginia. Here he attended his first school, taught by an older brother, the late L. J. Cash. He walked three miles to school, where he studied Webster's elementary speller, and one year, the text of the reading classes was the Bible.

When fourteen years of age, he moved with his father's family to the west. They started in October, 1845, making the trip in two covered wagons, and crossing the only railroad at Zanesville, Ohio. They arrived in Paris, Illinois, September 12, 1846, and settled on a farm near there.

On March 1, 1852, he started learning the carpenter trade at Oakland, Illinois. He worked as an apprentice three years, receiving for the first year's service, \$7.00 a month, including board. After this, he became a contractor and bought a half interest in a cabinet shop in Oakland.

On December 20, 1855, he was married to Elizabeth Black. In 1864, they sold their home and business interests in Oakland and Mr. Cash entered the mercantile business in Newman, having bought a half interest in the general store there of L. S. and S. M. Cash, residents of Oakland, but who were conducting this business in Newman. This was the only general store in the town, the stock consisting of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, notions, hats and caps, hardware, queensware, and patent medicines. On January 1, 1872, he bought the entire stock.

Mr. Cash arrived in Newman December 14, 1864, a cold, bleak winter day, walking the entire distance of twelve miles from Oakland over the hard frozen roads. The country was sparsely settled, there being only three houses between Oakland and Newman. No dwelling house could be obtained; so Mrs. Cash and a small son, Walter, did not arrive until March. Mr. Cash continued in the mercantile business until 1894. In 1885, he was also in the implement business with the late George White as a partner. In 1881, he and his brother, L. J. Cash, purchased a large store in Clinton, Indiana, and later he carried on mercantile business in other places.

During the fifty four years of his residence in Newman,

he witnessed many changes. When he arrived here, there were fourteen families but only twelve dwellings. These families were Dr. Hickman's, Dr. Smith's, Mr. Hallet's, Albert Kellers, Smith Kellers, Grandma Howard, William Shute's, John Stockton's, Frank Wells', John Henry's, old Mrs. Vermillion, Joe Howard's, John Andrews', and J. W. Hancock's.

The old Methodist church was the only church in town and regular preaching services were held there every three weeks. There was a blacksmithing shop and post office, the mail being carried from Camargo on horseback once a week by the late "Uncle Johnnie" Stockton, who also distributed it, although Dr. W. S. Smith was postmaster. The Illinois Central Railroad was the only railroad in Douglas county and mail for Newman and Oakland was distributed from the Camargo office.

The I. D. & S. Railroad (Indianapolis, Decatur, and Springfield) was built in 1872 but no shipping could be done until 1873. Prior to that time, goods were hauled in wagons from Ashmore, Tuscola, and Homer. Mr. Cash received the first shipment of goods the railroad delivered and there being no depot, they were unloaded in the middle of the street now known as Broadway.

In 1873, he built the first brick store building, now occupied by Lloyd Boyer. In 1875, he built the first brick dwelling, which was his home until his death and now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Lulu VanDyne.

In early life, he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Oakland. When the family moved to Newman, there being no Presbyterian Church, he and his wife attended and liberally supported the Methodist Church. They became charter members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Newman which was organized in 1873 and which later united with the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. He and his wife lived to celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary. Nine children were born to them, only four living to maturity — Walter, Sherman, Sue (Mrs. McKnight), all deceased, and Mrs. Lulu VanDyne.

Mr. Cash was well known throughout the years for his strong temperance principles. He died April 6, 1918, a loyal, patriotic citizen and a pioneer who had helped to pave the way for a better and higher civilization.



The Presbyterian Church of Newman was organized a Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was the outgrowth of a revival meeting held in the Methodist church in 1873. At the close of this meeting, 17 people expressed a desire to be organized into a Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They were James Gillogly, Hannah Gillogly, G. W. Williams, Eliza J. Williams, S. C. Cash, Elizabeth Cash, S. G. Rose, Harriet Rose, James Pemberton, Martha Pemberton, M. D. Campbell, Daniel Cole, John Drake, Stephen Thayer, John Stone, and Jacob Ogden. The following officers were elected, ordained, and installed at the time of the organization: Ruling elders: G. W. Williams, James Gillogly, Daniel Cole, and S. G. Rose; deacon: S. C. Cash, who served in that capacity until his death in 1918.

The congregation worshipped in the Methodist Church until the completion and dedication of their own building on December 11, 1881, the Rev. C. P. Cooley being the pastor. The report of the Building Committee gave as cost of lot and building \$1758.58; cost of fixtures, bell, organ, carpets, lights and fence, \$318.12. Cash and pledges amounted to \$1783. At the time of dedication, a collection was taken which cleared the debt on the one room building which had three sections of seats and an "Amen" corner. In 1900, during the pastorate of the Rev. J. H. P. per, this building was re-modeled at a cost of \$2106.13 and rededicated January 20, 1901. At this time there were less than 130 members. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. W. Hawkins of Decatur. In 1906, at the union of the two denominations, it became a part of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.

The present church building had its start in the minds and hearts of Mr. Thomas Shaw and his wife. In con-

sultation with the pastor, the Rev. B. F. Lawrence, Mr. Shaw, in 1909, announced his intention to give the site on which this church now stands, and to erect thereon a building suitable to the uses of the congregation, if in turn they would furnish the same. The church through its Board accepted the proposition and a committee selected by Mr. Shaw, composed of Dr. Cyrus Rutherford, the Rev. B. F. Lawrence, Mr. George O. Moore, with himself set to work to secure plans for the new edifice. The building was dedicated December 11, 1910. The total cost of construction, together with the lots, amounted to \$11,110.99, the last of this amount being subscribed on the day of dedication. The service of dedication included a musical program by a choir of 31 voices under the direction of Mrs. Lillie Allen Kyde with Miss Alice McIntyre as accompanist and an inspiring sermon by Dr. Edgar P. Hill of McCormick Seminary, Chicago.

Twenty-one ministers have served the church since its organization, The Rev. Eugene N. Fox being the present pastor.

The gift of this beautiful house of worship has been a great benefit, not only to the church, but to the entire community. The clock, a landmark in the community, has been a master timepiece for the town. For some years past, the Newman Township Library has been located in the south rooms of the basement.

The text used at the re-dedication in 1901 seems appropriate today for Shaw Memorial Presbyterian Church: "And the glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former house, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." (Haggai 2:9)

The Newman Schools

Where the first school was held in Newman is a matter of conjecture. An early county history, published in 1881 says: "The first schoolhouse in Newman was an ordinary building, such as is usually found in the country, being put up in 1858 at a cost of \$500." Another published version is: "The original school was a typical one room affair and capable of accommodating only a few pupils." Still another story which has come down through the descendants of the early settler is that a one room schoolhouse was built in what is now the City Park and was later moved to a vacant lot at the northwest corner of the intersection of Vanderen and Coffin streets.

A Special Souvenir Edition of The Newman Independent, published in 1895 on the 25th anniversary of that newspaper says: "The first school in Newman was taught in a private dwelling, the former home of Dr. J. M. Wagner." It also states: "The first schoolhouse, a two-story frame building, was built in the center of the public square in 1858 at a cost of \$600, the Masonic lodge being in the upper story. John Stocton was on the first board of directors and for several years was the only director." Moses S. Smith, then the editor of The Independent, was born in Newman on July 19, 1839, and attended school in this building.

All accounts agree on one thing, that Miss Hulda Howell, a daughter of Enoch Howell, a pioneer settler, was the first teacher.

The land which became the town site for the original town of Newman was a part of the Public Domain lands until Isaac Howard became the owner by virtue of patents signed by President Millard Fillmore, dated Feb. 10, 1851, and May 1, 1852. Mr. Newman and his associates purchased the town site from Mr. Howard in 1857 and the survey establishing the "Original Town of Newman Illinois" was filed for record on Nov. 26, 1857. It provided that the public square would become the property of the town if a "seminary" was built there.

There is no record of the town site promoters erecting dwelling houses or other improvements. There was considerable speculative buying and selling of lots but very little building activity. Mr. Howard and two or three other men owned land adjacent to the town but there is no record to indicate that they sold any small tracts for "housing" prior to 1858. It is assumed that the first pupils who attended the school were the children of the early settlers on the farms or "clearings" within walking distance.

There is no information available to indicate what year it became necessary to employ an additional teacher because of the increase in the number of pupils. When S. C. Cash first came to Newman in December of 1864, there were 12 houses and 14 families in the town. The heads of these families were: Dr. H. S. Hickman, Dr. G. W. Smith, "Grandma" Howard, Mrs. Vermillion, Mr. Hallett, Albert Keller, Smith Keller, Frank Wells, John Henry, John Andrews, William Shute, Joseph Howard, John Stocton and J. W. Hancock. Thomas House was one of the first teachers in this school building. J. W. King was a teacher there from 1872 until he resigned to become county superintendent of schools in 1875.

Newman began a period of steady growth in 1865. The Civil War ended and the soldiers were mustered out and returned home. Most of them were single men but not for long. Part of them established homes in Newman; some



OLD NEWMAN SCHOOL ... built 1875 ... addition 1889
... primary 1894 ... replaced 1936.

began farming. Many elderly farmers retired and moved to town. Newcomers arrived — and stayed. The number of children increased rapidly and in the early "seventies" it soon became certain that a new school would have to be built. At long last the railroad was built through Newman and trains began running in 1873. Newman immediately began to "boom". Frame store buildings were torn down and new brick buildings were erected. Larger and better homes were built. New citizens moved in and the old school building began to "bulge at the seams."

In 1875, the school district was reorganized and the trustees were authorized to build a new "two-story four room brick building of sufficient size to accommodate 300 pupils". A tax to pay for this was authorized at an election held April 6, 1875. The site selected was where the new grade school now stands and was purchased on June 18, 1875, for \$600. The building was completed in the summer of 1876, and cost \$11,000. In the cupola of the building was hung a large bell that called the children to school for the next 60 years. It had a beautiful tone and could easily be heard anywhere in Newman. The bell is still there but seldom used. It is in a low iron framework on the corner of the gymnasium.

An early catalog of the school for the year 1881-1882 is a treasured possession of Mr. Bolinger of Hume. A list of the pupils show there were 23 in the "First Year High School" (only two years of high school instruction was given at that time), 89 in the three grammar school grades, 91 in the three Intermediates and 112 in the three Primary grades. The enrollment totaled 315. The school teachers were: Theodore H. Haney, principal, Miss Mary J. McCulloch, Grammar; Miss Flora Powell, Intermediate and Mrs. A. C. Bennett, Primary.

The school board consisted of J. A. McGee, T. D. Curd and W. W. Skinner. Jas. Gillogly was school treasurer. His financial report shows that the district received in taxes \$3,732.51 and that the expenses were: Principal \$185, three teachers \$735, janitor \$180, fuel, repairs furniture and incidentals \$331.77 and bonds and interest \$2,000, a total of \$3,791.77. Pupils living outside the district paid a \$2 tuition charge monthly.

By 1888 the school had become so crowded that it became necessary to rent a large room in which the primary grades could be taught. In 1889 a \$2500 bond issue was sold to provide a two room addition to the brick building, which increased the capacity to 450 pupils. This was completed in time for use in 1890. The school first became "accredited" in 1890.

In 1893 it again became necessary to expand school facilities and a two acre tract adjacent to the school grounds was purchased for a site of a primary building and to provide more play ground. Bonds for \$1700 were issued to

supplement the regular tax levy for building purposes.

The need for additional room since 1880 was not all made necessary because of a large increase in the number of children. A contributing factor to the need was that more and more pupils were staying in school for the entire twelve years instead of dropping out before reaching high school age. The first graduating class in 1885 was Samantha Anderson and Luther Hughey. In 1886 Sue Cash, Minnie Taylor and Hattie Sutton were the graduates. There were no graduates in 1887. Henry A. Winn, Hattie Gillogly and Maud Root were the graduates in 1888 and in 1889 Jennie House, Ed Roe and Clark Randall received diplomas. Succeeding years show a gradual increase in the number of graduates.

Some time around 1910 the state legislature passed a law which allowed school townships to form Township High School districts. Within a few months the residents of the school township in which Newman is located organized District 150. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Havens donated a 10 acre site on North Broadway just outside the city limits. After some delay a \$20,000 bond issue was voted, and the new building was completed in time for use in September 1913. The total cost was \$40,000. The high school had temporary quarters in the old Presbyterian church building on North King street during the two years. J. H. Trinkle was the superintendent of the Township High School for it's entire span of 37 years, retiring in 1948.

Newman now has two school districts, each having a board of education.

The old brick school continued in use until 1936. It was still sturdy and strong but woefully inadequate. It was razed in 1936 and a new, modern one story building and gymnasium was built. A bond issue for \$10,500 plus a government grant paid for the building. The frame primary room has lately been used for storage.

In 1944 a \$75,000 bond issue was authorized for the building of a new gymnasium and additional class rooms at the high school. It was completed in 1946 but was necessary to issue an additional \$25,000 in bonds to complete it.

In 1948 the Newman schools again united under the laws providing for the formation of Community School Districts, the Murdock school and 13 country school districts also came into the Newman District 303. The Goodwill, Prairie Belle, Phoenix, Winkler, Pleasant Ridge, White Hall, McIntyre, Huff, Fonner, McCown and Dayton country schools have vanished. The Murdock school is continued.

On Sept. 1, 1955 a bond issue for \$125,000 was authorized at an election that day to provide money for constructing additional class rooms at the grade school building.

This was done in 1956 and completed for the opening of the school year in Sept. 1956. The new addition also has equipment for preparing food for the school lunch program and for serving as well as dining facilities. It is modern in every way.

The total enrollment for the present school year (1956-1957) was 506. There were 61 in the Murdock building and 320 enrolled 1 to 8 inclusive in the Newman grades and 125 in the high school. There were 33 in the 8th grade and 50 in the 7th. The faculty numbered 28 and there were 5 janitors and 4 cooks. Five buses were used. Arthur Leeth was principal of the grade school and F. W. McCarty was Superintendent.

Over the years the following men have been principal, or superintendent, of the Newman schools since 1872: John W. King, Mr. Reynolds, Alvin Waters, Mr. Clendenning, and Mr. Rittenhouse to 1881. Beginning with Sept. 1, 1881 the following have served (the first date indicated the beginning of a school year and the other the end of the spring term:

Theodore Haney (1881-1884)

E. S. Smith (1884-1887)

Mr. Holemback (1887-1889)

George O. Moore (1889-1890)

J. L. Hughes (1890-1894)

E. B. Brooks (1894-1897)

W. H. H. Miller (1897-1900)

Joseph Gale (1900-1901)

E. J. Vines (1901-1904)

Mr. Hedden (1904-1906)

Mr. Taylor (1906-1907)

O. C. Bailey (1907-1911)

J. H. Trinkle (1911-1948)

Harry Arkebauer (1948-1954) F. W. McCarty (1954-)

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The club was organized Feb. 26, 1936. The Kiwanis club of Danville sponsored the Newman club which was first assigned to Division 16 but later to Division 12. Raymond S. Blunt of Chicago, Gov. of the I. & I. District and the Rev. Horace Batchelor, Lt. Gov. of Division 16 participated in the presentation of the charter, Apr. 22, 1936.

The club has been honored with visits by four International Presidents: Cope Callen, Don Murdoch, Don Forsythe, and Jackson Raney. It has also been fortunate to have the current District Governors as its speakers on all anniversary nights. Honors have also come to our membership. Dr. H. I. Conn was drafted in 1945 as Lt. Gov. of Division 12, and as Gov. of the I. & I. District in 1947. He has served on the I. & I. District Board of Directors for Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation, since its origin.

The local club is proud of the loyalty and activity of its membership. In attendance, achievement reports, and representation at interclub meetings it ranks high among the clubs of its division. In 1941, it was presented with a plaque for 100 percent attendance at the I. & I. District convention at Springfield, Ill.

While the major work of the Newman Club has been devoted to Youth Activities, it has also accepted leadership in other fields. In 1936 the club, with the consent of the Board of Education, dedicated the athletic grounds of the Newman Township High School with an appropriate stone and plaque as "Trinkle Field" in honor of its principal who had served the school for many years. Each year

it devotes one meeting to Farmers Night with an appropriate program and with farmers invited as guests. Its interest in our public schools has been demonstrated by the entertainment of our teachers, annual athletic banquets, and various educational programs.

The club has sponsored the Boy Scouts a number of years and the Girl Scouts one year. Boys Pig Clubs were formed in 1942 and continued for five years, whereby registered gilts were bought by the club and farmed out to deserving boys on the share basis. This project has been revived for 1957. Clothing, food, and medical care have been furnished under-privileged children and their families as the need arose. The club sends each year a representative to Boys State, and for the past two years a girl to the Egyptian Music Camp at DuQuoin, Ill. It has been the custom of the club the past few years to transport the Little League baseball team to the opening University of Illinois football game, and last year they were also taken to the Chanute Air Show at Rantoul. To help raise funds for these activities as well as for entertainment the club has sponsored Farm Sales, Minstrels, Horse Shows and other programs.

The Key Club was organized in the local high school in 1951, and has the distinction of being one of the three such clubs in Division 12. One of its members, Clinton R. Johnson, has been elected Lt. Gov. of Division 6 of the I & I. District of Key Clubs.

Mrs. Jamie C. McIntyre's grandfather, E. E. Chester, carried in his carpet bag the money for Mr. Sullivan to purchase the land of Broadlands and the surrounding countryside, from Columbus, Ohio, to Urbana, Ill.

A Memorial Of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Parr In Honor Of Their Parents Mr. and Mrs. Marion Parr Mr. and Mrs. W. J. G. Pound

John M. Pound, father of W. J. G. Pound, purchased land south of Newman from the U. S. Government in 1852. Heirs of W. J. G. Pound celebrated their centennial of continuous ownership in 1952.

John M. Pound died in Indiana and his widow with seven daughters and one son, W. J. G. Pound, moved to this community in 1862.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Parr, with their family, moved to Newman in 1910.

Fonner Family History

Andrew Jackson Fonner Sr. was born in Green County, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1828. He married Miss Lydia Gillogly on March 22, 1851. They moved from their native state to what is now Douglas County, Illinois, in the Fall of 1857 and settled on a farm seven miles northwest of where Newman now stands. A few essential possessions and two sons, James, age five years, and Robert, age two years, were moved by covered wagon. The county was then largely unsettled, especially the prairie portion. They felt many of the wants and deprivations incident to the settlement of a new country for a number of years after their arrival here. On this homestead, the following children were born: Margaret, Spencer, Andrew J. Jr., Marion, Charles, Thomas, George, and three who died in infancy. This farm has always been owned by Fonner descendants, being presently owned by Emmerson Fonner of Deland, Illinois, who is the son of Charles.

The prairie land south of the ridge was drained, and in 1884, Mr. Fonner purchased the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wax now reside. At this time, the four older

children were married and the remainder of the family moved to the new farm. Here Marion died in 1888 of typhoid fever at the age of 19 years. This farm has since been operated and lived on by Fonner descendants. Mrs. Wax is a great-granddaughter, being descended from Zala Fonner Maris, who was the daughter of Andrew J. Jr.

In 1890, the family moved to Newman and Mr. Fonner operated a livery stable in the location of the present Grab-It-Here store. He prided himself on fine horses for hire. Surries and buggies were also rented. The home was on Yates Street immediately west of the stable. Here Mrs. Fonner died on March 22, 1895. She had been a rheumatic invalid for years. Following this, Mr. Fonner retired from active business to oversee the operation of his farms.

On September 14, 1898, he married Emily Howard, and they moved to a home in the west part of town. Mr. Fonner died February 18, 1908, nearly 80 years of age. Many of his descendants are now living in the Newman vicinity.

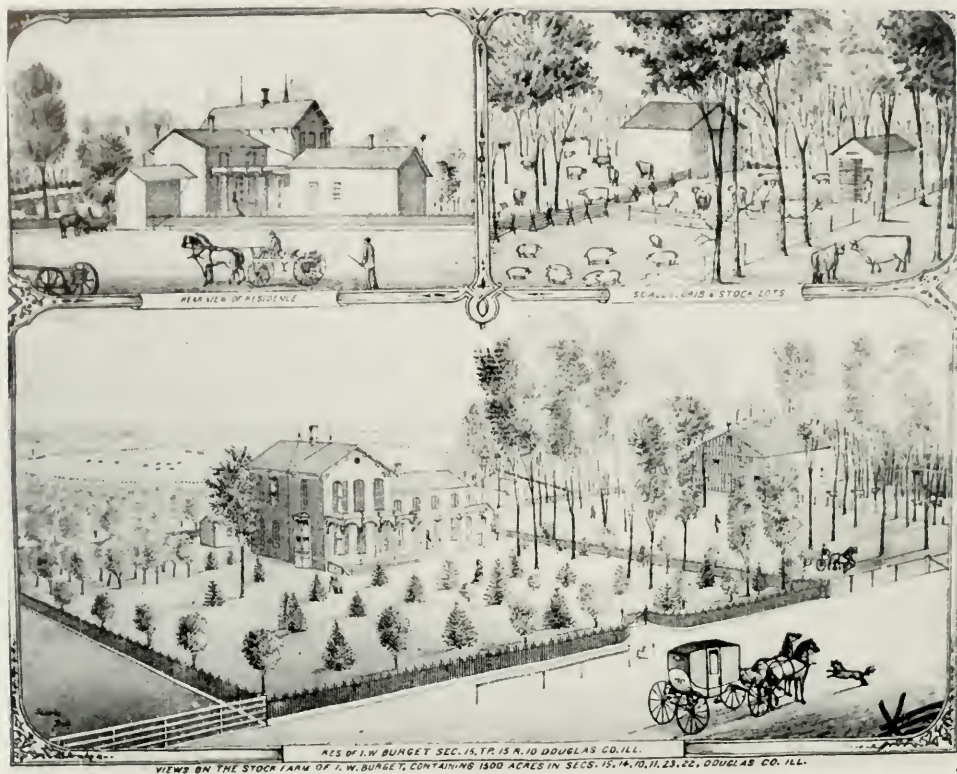


In memoriam to deceased members of the

Stanton Burgett Post No. 201

American Legion Auxiliary

Newman, Illinois



Isaac Wilson Burgett, son of Abraham and Eliza Wells Burgett, was born June 18, 1829, in Pickaway Co., Ohio. The family moved to Vermillion Co., Indiana, near Perrysville. Abraham died in 1838, leaving five children. In 1839, the mother brought her family to Illinois. They settled near the mouth of the Brushy Fork in Douglas Co. She rented land and when a mere boy, Isaac Wilson had charge of the farm. He attended school a few days each winter. When seventeen, he hired out as a farm laborer at \$8.00 per month. This he continued until he married Telitha Howard Jan. 28, 1849. At this time, his capital consisted of \$25 in money and one horse. He rented land for two years. He then bought 20 acres of timber and entered a claim for 80 acres of government land. To this tract, he continued to add until at his death, Feb. 12, 1884, he owned over 1600 acres.

He was supervisor of Sargent township for 12 years and was an able man on public questions.

Mrs. Telitha Burgett, daughter of William Hezekiah and Margery Howard, was born in Jackson County, Ohio, May 26, 1830. In 1843, she came with her family to a farm one and a half miles southwest of Newman. Hezekiah Howard built the first dwelling on the site where Newman now stands. Here he died in 1817. Telitha entered upon the task of helping support the family, often

working for a small wage among neighbors. Her mother passed to her rest Aug. 16, 1889. Grandma Howard's descendants, remembering her unselfish devotion, placed a memorial window in the Methodist church.

There were eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Burgett. They were: William B; Margery; John W.; Eliza Ellen Gill; Scott; Stanley; Sarah Elizabeth Baxter; Wilson S. (Top); Carl S.; Maude L. Coffey and Thomas P.

Mrs. Burgett was one of the marked pioneer women of Douglas County. She was beloved by those who knew her. In 1901, she left the old homestead and came to Newman. Sunday afternoon, her children and grandchildren gathered in her home to visit and sing favorite hymns, her daughter, Mrs. Coffey, playing the organ. She was deeply religious, having been a member of the M. E. church 75 years. Truth was the inspiration of her life and by kindness, she exemplified its great worth. She ran the journey of her life in 89 years, passing away Aug. 31, 1919.

Surviving grandchildren reared in this community are Jay Burgett, Burley Burgett, Ray Burgett, James Burgett, Carolyn B. Coolley, Lois B. Ryan, Howard Coffey, Joe Coffey, Florence C. Buckler, Iva Roderick, Ola Gill. Deceased are Stanton Burgett, Shelley Burgett, Paul Burgett, Charles Burgett, Bessie B. Coley, Eva B. Ellison, Gerald Coffey, Maxwell Coffey.

Fairfield

It was in the Fall of 1853 the first permanent settlers came to the Fairfield community. They were James M. and John A. Coolley and William W. Young. They came in covered wagons pulled by oxen. The material for their houses had been hauled from Montgomery county, Indiana, but very soon they each purchased 10 acres of timber land in the Camargo area for other buildings and fences.

The trail they followed here was marked by a furrow and known as the State Road which followed the ridge or moraine left by the Wisconsin glacial period. They came through Perryville, Ind., Georgetown and Hickory Grove, Ill. At first they received their mail at Camargo and "Nip 'n Tuck". Later there was a post office called Phoenix in a little store located in the south part of the present cemetery. At first the rider bearing it came directly from Cherry Point.

The country settled very rapidly. In 1854, the Reverend Jonathan Coolley came and on July 26, 1855, at an open air meeting in his yard the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized with the following members: Jonathan and Malinda Coolley, James Maxwell Coolley and Hester Ann Young Coolley, John A. Coolley and Mary Frances Coolley, Mary Jane Coolley Young, William and Mary A. Patterson, Josiah and Jane Dains, Calvin and Elizabeth Dains.

Services were held in the homes until the first schoolhouse was erected on land owned by John A. Coolley. Later, when the school districts were organized and the Cherry Grove (Phoenix) school established, church meetings were held there until the church building was erected in 1869. It was built from the timber holdings of the members at a cost of \$4,000. The music for the dedication was under the direction of the singing teacher, Malcolm McIntyre. A melodeon owned by Mrs. J. R. Page was used. Reverend Jonathan Coolley served as pastor of the church for 20 years. His son, Cyrus P., followed him and his successors were: J. H. Hughey, W. O. Smith, J. M. McKnight, E. L. Prather, G. W. Montgomery, T. A. Williams, L. D. Hendricks, A. R. Sandlin, William Bryant, James W. Wycoff, J. H. Piper, W. L. Campbell, J. W. McKinney, F. L. Gould and L. V. C. Myton.

In 1907, when the Cumberland and Presbyterian Church U. S. A. united, it became a Presbyterian congregation. In 1906 the Fairfield Women's Missionary Society was organized, it being the only branch of the original church

now active, as church services were discontinued about that time. Memorial Day is observed with a service and the decoration of soldiers' graves — as has been done continuously since before the end of the war between the states. A big community dinner is held in the church building each year on the last Sunday in September.

Fairfield cemetery was closely associated with the church in the early days. The first burials were in 1855. The first Civil War soldier was John Biggs, who died of wound at the Battle of Chickamauga and his body returned to Fairfield for burial. There are now 76 graves of soldiers in the cemetery. After regular church services were discontinued, the Fairfield Cemetery Association took over its care by voluntary contribution until 1951, when it was taken over by the township by popular vote. The church building now used as a chapel has always been preserved through the generosity of the people of the community. In 1921-22 the rock wall was built from boulders left over the countryside by the glaciers. They were gathered, split and built into the beautiful wall by a Mr. McIntosh, whose trade had been building such walls in Scotland. In 1956, the church steeple, which had been blown off in a storm, was replaced — again by popular subscription. Later the same year, the tuneful Carillon Bells were placed in its tower by Margaret Pearl McIntyre Coolley as a memorial to her husband, James Sherman Coolley.

Lucy McIntyre says that her great-grandfather, Mose Stickles, had the house built where she now lives at 302 S. Broadway; that she's always been told that from the house down to the creek was "Mose's cowpasture".

John A. Coolley

John A. Coolley, son of Rev. Jonathan and Melinda B. Coolley, was born Aug. 19, 1830, near Waynetown in Montgomery Co., Indiana. In 1852, Mr. Coolley entered a claim for 160 acres of government land at \$1.25 per acre, on the Ridge north of Newman, Illinois, Douglas county. Camargo was their postoffice and nearest town. Oxen were used to haul lumber from Indiana, this taking two years. Jonathan Coolley came and in 1855 organized the Fairfield Presbyterian Church. The first meetings were held in his home. In 1856, a building for church and school was erected on the farm owned by his son, John A. The present beautiful building was erected in 1869 and restored in 1956.

Mr. Coolley was married to Mary Garvey. One daughter, Nancy Jane, was born.

He married the second time to Harriet Anna Wyckoff. Six children were born: William A., John E., Annettie O., Luella M., Jonathan M. (Don), and an infant son. Mrs. Nettie O. McIntyre, 92 years of age, is the only surviving member of the family. She is beloved by all and her life has been an inspiration to her many relatives and friends. She has, indeed, carried on the traditions of her ancestors. The surviving grandchildren are: Albert Todd, Lena Todd, Eva McIntyre Gauger, Anna Coolley Carlson, Helen Kenny Powers, Frances Kenny Lyon, Harold Kenny and John A. Coolley, who now is owner of the Coolley homestead.

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Hard Roads Come To Rural Illinois

One of the most important happenings in the history of Newman township was the building of the first four miles of paved road, just north of Newman. Until about the year 1909, the townships had nothing but mud roads, some of which became almost impassable during the rainy season. In 1909, W. J. Roller began to talk hard roads for the rural districts, as well as for the town.

At first, there was some stubborn opposition to building paved roads out in the country, a few people arguing that the cost would be too much. However, in 1910, Roller built a strip of brick road in front of his residence, 150 feet in length, just to show what the difference would be to the farmers who hauled their grain on that road. That demonstration proved to be the best argument available, and in that year, the bonds for \$30,000 were voted and the paving started. The first contract called for two miles north from the crossroad just north of town and one mile east and one mile west from the same crossroad. The brick pavement on North Kings street, beginning at the southwest corner of the high school grounds and extending to the crossroads was also included.

So far as we know, that was the first rural pavement built in the State of Illinois.

Much of these four miles of pavement is still in use and in fair condition in spite of the limited experience in road building at that time. Methods of building have improved a lot since then, also better material is available now.

It was late in the year before construction started and it was completed only as far as what is now the residence of Ray Wax before cold weather stopped the construction of the concrete base and curbs. However, it had extended beyond one of the worst mud holes in the township a short distance north of the crossroads. The next year, it was extended on north to the crossroads then known as the "Twin Houses" (one of the two identical houses is still standing at the west side of the road at this intersection; the one on the east side was torn down or moved away 30 or 40 years ago).

The success of this country hard road was very convincing. It attracted visitors and delegations from many parts of the state and its fame spread. It was built only nine feet wide because of the cost: the money available would build a road twice as long as a double lane at twice



the expense. In Newman township, any opposition to the construction of hard roads almost vanished and plans were made to extend this improvement in other directions from town. Only bonding limitations stood in the way of immediate action.

It was not long until a pavement was built from the south end of King street to the Sargent township line, a distance of about a mile and a half. The next was east from town on what was then identified as the Skinner Lane. It began at the city limits at the northwest corner of what is now Memorial Park and ran east and south and then a quarter of a mile on the Edgar-Douglas county line road almost to the Widman residence. This road was then a part of the old Ocean to Ocean Pike's Peak Highway route, an early marked trail for cross country travel in automobiles. The next was a three-eighths of a mile of brick pavement extending south from the Newman cemetery to the present U. S. 33. All of these approximately eight miles of pavement were built and paid for by the citizens of Newman township; the county, state or the U. S. didn't contribute even a thin dime.

After the county aid roads came into being a nine-foot concrete slab road was built west from the end of the west end of the original four and a quarter mile brick paving at the A. Bosch residence, west, south and west through the Village of Murdock. A concrete slab one-half mile in length was extended from the east end of the same original brick, at the home of Manford Roller. The county also built a concrete slab from the north end at the Twin Houses crossroad north, west and north to connect with the Champaign county hard road system two miles south of Broadlands. The county also built a black-top on the Oakland Road from the Harris corner south to the Coles county line.

When the State of Illinois built U. S. 36 through Newman township, it followed existing highways except from the corner south of the Newman cemetery east to the old Pike's Peak Highway at the corner west of the Widman residence, cutting through farm lands to provide a new, direct route. Route 49 is on the east line of Newman township.

All other highways in Newman township except one mile of rock road at the north side of the township and perhaps five or six miles of dirt roads are maintained as all-weather roads by oil treatment. A \$30,000 bond issue would build only a few hundred feet of paved road today.

Gone are the days when the automobile owner, on the approach of cold weather, would put his car in the shed, jack up the wheels so that tires would not touch the floor, drain off the water in the radiator and block, remove the battery and store it where it wouldn't run down and freeze and then walk away. He knew he would have to wait until the weather settled and the roads became dry in the Spring before he could "motor" around.



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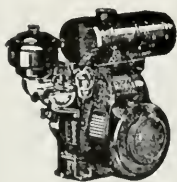
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Pleasant Ridge

A pretty country church surrounded by many large shade trees and a well kept and landscaped cemetery, stand on a high spur of the Ridge about six miles north-east of Newman. Although the membership is small in number they are a devoted band and the church has never been neglected.

The view from the church yard and cemetery is unsurpassed in Eastern Illinois. Many thousands of acres of the best land in Illinois can be seen to the south and south-east, and with the aid of a telescope more land and several towns become visible. Mrs. F. M. Kincaid, one of the early members, said it gave a pleasant view and a pleasant place for friends to meet on a pleasant ridge. The name Pleasant Ridge was also given to the school house which stood on the other side of the road.

As was usual among the early settlers, they wanted a neighborhood church and a school. It so happened that most of that neighborhood were Methodist so a church of that denomination was organized. The school house was built in 1868 and J. B. Plowman was the first teacher. It was also a community center.

The decline in membership began, the tractor started to replace the horses and mules on the farms. With power machinery, one man could do the work which had formerly required three. Less housing was needed and many of the small, older houses were allowed to deteriorate and were torn down. The health of some of the older land-owners would not permit them to operate a tractor and they retired. Membership in the church dwindled until only a few were left, to meet the constantly increasing expense of yearly operation.

In 1949, the church and cemetery were purchased from the Methodist Conference, the church then became, and will remain, a non-denominational church and will continue to serve the people of the community.

In 1924, the ladies of the church organized the Pleasant Ridge Community Club. It is still active and has been of great service, in improving and beautifying the church and grounds. One of its members, Ione K. Epperson, gave \$1,000 for the purchase of evergreen trees and shrubs.

Since 1950, over \$4,000 has been spent in improvements which include a full basement, a new automatic oil burning furnace, concrete walks, crushed stone drives and re-decorating. The necessary labor was donated by the men and women of the community. It is their desire to maintain it as a House for worship, a place to meet friends

and a Memorial to their dead.

William and Mary Heaton deeded the land for the church site and cemetery in 1870. Building operations began soon after and progressed rapidly, much of the labor being donated. It was well proportioned, strongly built and of the best materials. The entrance was into a hallway which had a stairway to an overhead balcony at the rear of the assembly room. The cost of the building was \$5,000. The first trustees were David Todd, Stephen Fields, Daniel Heaton, James Hoover and David McLean. The church was in the Newman Conference until 1895 and was then changed to the Allerton charge. Rev. J. B. Martin was the first pastor. Rev. J. R. McBride served as pastor for many years.

One of the prized possessions of the church is an old-fashioned sampler framed with a needlepoint motto "In God We Trust" made by Mrs. Mary Heaton, and has been upon the wall of the church for a great many years. Also on the church wall is a large oil painting, "The Lord in Gethsemane" which was painted by Mrs. Ervin Kincaid and presented to the church by her, the stained glass windows named and given by families in the church.

Extensive repairs and alterations were made at the church in 1904 and the same fine oak seats are still used in the assembly room.

George L. Akers built a new farm home recently and it covers "five Akers" — not as large as the one built by his great-grandfather in the same neighborhood. John S. Akers, of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, and his Quaker wife, Susan Kanear, migrated to Illinois about 1867. Their house covered "eleven Akers".

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Banks

The prosperity of a community is many times linked with the banks of that community. It has been the good fortune of Newman throughout its history to have had good banks.

The first was a private bank and was conducted in a frame building at the northwest corner of Yates and Broadway. Its activities were limited by the times and its operation continued but a short time. In January 1873 Murphy and Hancock established a private bank which continued operations until 1879.

This was followed by a period in which there was no bank in the town until 1883, when two men from Onarga, Mr. Durban and Mr. Doolittle engaged in the banking business in Newman in a building located about the center of the block on the north side of the city park. They also operated but a short time and from information gathered, while the bank did some banking as we know it now, their principal business was loaning money, of their own, at very high rates of interest, at times as high as 25 percent a year. All of the above listed banks served the needs of the community as it existed during that period.

In 1884, Mr. I. N. Covert and Scott Burgett established the Newman Bank which continued in operation under that name until 1903 when they were given a National Bank charter and the name Newman National Bank was the official title. This bank served the community in every possible way and was responsible for assisting in many of the improvements made in the city. They occu-

upied very modern banking quarters in the building now occupied by the Newman Building and Loan Association. Stroder M. Long, I. N. Covert, Scott Burgett and George O. Moore were associated with the bank. In later years, Jay T. Burgett and the late Charles C. Burgett were active in the operation of the bank. This bank continued until the banking holiday in 1934.

The First State Bank of Newman commenced business Sept. 12, 1912, under a State charter. Details of its history will be found in a full page advertisement in this Centennial book.

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Simpson Marshall Kincaid

Harriett Jane Kincaid



NORTH BROADWAY BEFORE 1890 . . . In the frame store room at the left of the picture was R. L. Robertson's dry goods store. William T. Fuller had a drug store in the frame building with the canvas awning. A huge pair of antlers are mounted on a post set just outside the sidewalk. Next to the drug store, Harvey Bane had a hardware store, which was later sold to J. T. Hinds, who moved the stock to the I.O.O.F. building on Railroad Street and later sold the business to William Swickard. In the next building, Barrs had a furniture, hardware and undertaking business and next door, Lige Anderson sold furniture and stoves. In the next store room, the A.F. & A.M. building, Finney & Goldman had general merchandise. The Masonic Building and the two adjoining buildings were built in 1875 but the Bane Building was not built until a year or two later. Some of the men on

the sidewalk can be identified. Just in front of the Robertson store is Isaac Skinner. Next, standing to the left of the dry goods box, is said to be George White. The man in the light colored coat and hat was Isom Cuttenger. William T. Fuller stands in the doorway of his drug store. In front of him, with his hands behind his back, is O. H. Harris, who built and operated the livery stable where the Grab It Here Store now stands. Standing beside a post in front of Bane's store, holding a pair of "gum boots" in his hand, is Erastus Sollers. Just to the left of the dry goods box in the street are W. T. Summers and James Barr. The sidewalk display in front of Bane's store is a grindstone and the latest thing in washing machines. In the lower lefthand corner of this picture may be seen the wide planks used as a street crossing.

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Newman Physicians

One of the best assets of any rural community are the physicians who live in the towns and villages of that section. This was especially true in the early days. It gave the people a feeling of security and comfort to know there was an able, sympathetic and faithful doctor nearby who would come to their aid if they became ill, or were injured.

The early settlers of this community were very fortunate; doctors came in with the pioneers. Newman has been greatly blessed in always having resident physicians since it's founding a century ago.

Prior to 1900 disabling illness was treated at the patient's home and those who could be "up and about" went to the doctor's office. Only the larger cities had hospitals and they were primarily used for surgery. Birth took place in the home.

The first doctors made their calls on horseback, carrying their supplies in saddle-bags. There were no fences and it was possible to take a direct line to a settler's home. After roads were laid out a two-wheel cart came into use. Neither of these gave much protection from the hot sun, sub-zero cold of a howling blizzard, or a downpour of rain. Late in the nineteenth century drainage, grading and leveling of highways made it possible to use a buggy.

Careful research points to Dr. H. S. Hickman as being the first physician to locate in Newman. He was also the first druggist and had a combined drug store and office south of the city park on lots just east of the Legion Home. During Cleveland's first administration A. J. Hoover purchased the building and moved it to a lot on the east side

of Broadway just south of the railroad where it was used as a postoffice.

There is also information which indicates that a Dr. Ringland, Dr. J. B. Rigney and Dr. Johnson were also in this vicinity before 1857.

Dr. William A. Smith came to Newman in 1861 and continued to live here until his death. Dr. B. T. Rose came in 1865 and stayed until 1887 when Dr. Clark Springer took over his practice. Dr. Springer died in August 1895. Dr. J. M. Wagner began the practice of medicine in Newman around 1870. His office was on the northeast corner of Broadway and Yates streets. Dr. Cyrus Rutherford came to Newman from Oakland in 1877 and made his home here until his death in 1937. His office, a small frame building in the middle of the block on South Broadway, west of the city park is still in use. Dr. Oliver O. Hackett moved to Newman in 1890 and died in 1901. A Dr. Cheatum practiced here for a few years but no information was available as to when he came. A news item dated July 27, 1896 says: "Dr. Cheatum has moved to Sidell."

Five "native sons," all Newman high school graduates, were the next physicians to locate in Newman. Dr. Aubert Berkley was here in 1895 but after a short stay he went to Kentsalear, Ind., and later to the northwest where he still resides. Dr. Ralph Wagner also came in 1895 and practiced in the office with his father until 1902 when he went to Texas and died there May 28, 1957. Dr. C. W. Rutherford practiced in Newman from 1900 until 1921 and then went to Indianapolis. It is still his home. He built the office now occupied by Dr. H. I. Conn. Dr. R. C. Gillogly came in 1901 and remained until his death. His office is now used by Dr. W. M. Rominger, Dentist. Dr. Harry W. White came in 1902 and was here only a short time before going to Fruit and Grand Junction, Colorado.

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where he now resides.

Dr. H. I. McNeill opened an office in Newman in 1903 and was here until shortly after the close of World War I. Dr. Veech was here a short time before opening an office in Atwood. Dr. Colin K. Ross moved to Newman in 1937 and practiced here until his tragic death in an automobile accident in 1950.

At the present time Newman has two excellent resident physicians; Dr. H. I. Conn who came here in 1921 and Dr. Max E. Johnson who came in 1951. Dr. Conn served in the Army Medical Corps in World War I and Dr. Johnson has been a medical officer in the U. S. Navy.

Other Newman boys who became physicians but did not return to their home town are Dr. B. Frank Roller of New York (deceased), Dr. Louis Hull of California (deceased), and Dr. Coffey of Pana (deceased). Dr. Clinton D. Swickard, Dr. William Swickard and Dr. Wm. M. Hollowell, are in active practice in Charleston, Ill.

Dentists

Dr. B. F. Mitchell, a Civil War veteran, was the first Newman dentist. He came here in 1870 and lived to a ripe old age. Dr. C. G. Bacon next came and had an office here for many years before his death. Dr. Dodd was here for a while and then moved to Decatur, Dr. Ray Swickard and Dr. Willard Hagebush followed in that order but both died while still young men. Dr. W. M. Rominger, the present resident dentist, came to Newman in 1955.

Newman boys who are dentists in other locations are Dr. John Green, Dr. Leslie Luallen, Dr. Ray Argenbright and Dr. Carl Foerester.

Veterinarians

Veterinarians who have served the owners of livestock over the years include Dr. Griffin, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Hines and Dr. A. B. Miller.

James Maxwell Coolley

One of the first settlers on the Ridge north of Newman was James Maxwell Coolley. Born December 1828 in Montgomery County, Indiana. In February 1851, he married Miss Hester A. Young and in 1853, they moved to the farm just west of the present Fairfield cemetery.

Mr. Coolley was quite a politically minded man, so when the question of slavery arose, he changed his politics from Whig to Republican, remaining so the rest of his life. For four years, he served his community as justice of the peace.

At the age of 18, he joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Feeling the need for a church in his vicinity, he and his wife donated the land for the Fairfield church and the original cemetery. Later on, his son, I. N., owning the home farm, made available more land to enlarge the cemetery to its present size.

In 1858, his wife, Hester, died, leaving one daughter, Mary Elvira, who married John Hance.

Mr. Coolley later married Sarah Wycoff, of Brown County, Ohio. To this union was born the following children: Melinda E. (married Angus McIntyre), Nancy E. (married Jesse Roller), I. N. Coolley (married Elizabeth Watkins, Jessie May (married George Farley), James Sherman (married Margaret Pearl McIntyre), Cyrus Logan (married Lillian Morrison).

The direct descendants living in this vicinity are: A. D. McIntyre, J. H. McIntyre, the Esther McIntyre Hopkins family, the Dan McIntyre family, Earl C. Roller, I. N. Coolley II, James Coolley.

James Gillogly

James Gillogly came to Newman in 1860. From June 1861 until he was wounded at the Battle of Stone River in December 1862, he served as a corporal under Captain (later general) U. S. Grant. At the close of the war, he returned to Pennsylvania and was married to Hannah L. Atkinson. He returned to Newman in 1872 with his wife and two children, John C. and Hattie B. (Mrs. Tom Harper). Three more children were born to them, Emma J. (Mrs. Carl S. Burgett), Thomas B. and E. Lattimer (Mrs. Fred S. Lydick). Thomas died in infancy.

James Gillogly ran a general store in Newman until 1898 with the exception of two years when the family lived in Wichita, Kans.

James and Hannah Gillogly spent the 14 years prior to 1916 in Oklahoma City, near their oldest daughter, Hattie, and family, and their son, John, and his wife, the former Eva Thomas. Both passed away in Newman at the home of their daughter, Lattimer, he in 1917, she two years later.

The daughter-in-law, Eva Gillogly, is now living in California. The daughter, Lattimer, makes her home with her daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. B. J. Ellis, in Litchfield, Ill.

The James Gillogly family were charter members of the Presbyterian church at Newman.

Fred S. Lydick

Fred Scott Lydick came to Newman in February 1889 with his parents and brother, Leslie. On July 19, 1899, he married Lattimer Gillogly. Four children were born to them, James Boyd, who died at 14 months, Freda, who died at nine years, Elizabeth, now Mrs. B. J. Ellis of Litchfield, Ill., and Louise, now Mrs. B. E. Ellison of Victoria, Texas.

At the time of his death in 1943, he had the longest continuously active record of any business man in Newman, having been in the jewelry and watch repair business in Newman since 1893.

Having joined the Newman Presbyterian church in 1898, he served as deacon and elder and for many years was church treasurer and Sunday School secretary and treasurer.

Surviving him are his wife, Lattimer, Litchfield, Ill., the two daughters, two granddaughters, two grandsons and three great-grandsons.

MEMORIES

Do the maple trees still cast their shade
On the streets of the old home-town,
As when, we of a generation past,
Ran barefoot, up and down?
Is it still the farm-land town we loved
In the days of long ago?
If not—do not dispel the dream,
Memories will keep it so.
For then the humblest home in town
Had abundance of food to eat
And the wealth of a man was measured
By his acres of corn and wheat.
And neighbor lived by neighbor,
His joy and sorrow to share,
With no hint of condescension
But fellowship everywhere.
Came school days and grown-up days,
The career for which we'd prayed,
With many hands extended
To help us make the grade.
And then, returning home again
After a few brief years,
We'd view the old familiar sights
With eyes bedimmed by tears.
And no matter what the distance,
Nor how long we had to roam,
The rustling trees in the old town square
Would bid us "Welcome Home."
The allotted three score years and ten,
Have come and gone ... And yet,
Life is still so well worth living,
And the past we can never forget.

Nellie Hinds Hammer
Claremore, Okla.

NELLIE HINDS HAMMER

The poem "Memories" was written especially for this Centennial by Nellie Hinds Hammer. Mrs. Hammer was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hinds, longtime residents of this community. Mrs. Hammer has resided in Claremore, Okla., many years. She is the author of a book of poems that have widely sold and contributes poems for various magazines. Her contribution to the Centennial Book is very much appreciated.

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On This Great Occasion

IN MEMORY OF

C. ED. SHEPHARD and RICHARD F. SHEPHARD

Mr. Ed. Shephard came to Newman in April 1911 and was in the Heating and Plumbing business from that date till the fall of 1948. He passed away on August 20, 1954. His eldest son, Richard, served in World Wars I and II, taught school several years and was associated with his father in the business. He passed away October 10, 1948.

In Memory Of

Elizabeth and Thomas House

Joseph C. House

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Booton & Hemphill

Insurance Agency

Newman, Illinois

Compliments Of

Kook & Link Pharmacies, Inc.

The Rexall Stores

Paris

Newman

Casey



The sturdy pioneers who filtered into this area during the early decades of the 19th century were dedicated men and women. While they were rugged individualists, intensely interested in improving their material position, they were equally concerned in the intellectual and spiritual welfare of themselves and their children. Therefore, it is not surprising that much of the early and rather meager data preserved from this early period is concerned with a desire for an established place of worship.

Perhaps the first public religious service held in this community was conducted by the Rev. James McClain in 1836 at the house of Joseph Winkler which stood on the farm now owned by Harvey Winkler, his great-grandson. Services continued to be held in this and other houses and later in school buildings for several years.

It was during the two decades following 1836 that three definite preaching points were established in school buildings of the Brushy Fork area. They were known as School Grove, Hopkins (later known as the Winkler) school, and another log school building on the Hopkins farm. Societies were formed in each of these centers and operated as a part of the Camargo Circuit, which at one time was served by the Rev. Peter Cartright. In the early 40's, the old time circuit riders with horse and saddle bags, were regular visitors once a month and after 1850, every two weeks.

The three Societies named above had for years felt the need for a church building and sometime after 1850 the latter two named decided to do something about it. After much wrangling, it was decided to build on a site just south of what is known as the Hopkins bridge. Timbers were cut and brick for foundation materials were hauled to this site. However, before construction began, a few houses had been built in the Village of Newman on the proposed route of a railroad which, it was rumored, would soon be built across the prairie. Preparations for the new church were stopped and after several meetings and much discussion it was decided to build in Newman and the accumulated materials were moved to the location of the present Newman Methodist church. In 1858, construction was started on the first church built in Newman and was completed in 1859. It was a wooden building

80 by 40 feet, seating 150 people and costing \$1800. This Newman church remained in the Camargo charge until 1871 when under the pastorate of the Rev. Joseph B. Martin it was transferred to the Newman charge by the Illinois Annual Conference.

The building completed in 1859 soon proved inadequate to the rapid growth in membership and growing activities of the church, however, it continued to serve the Methodist people of the Newman area more than 40 years. During these years, sentiment grew progressively stronger for more adequate facilities for God's work, and toward the close of the century, plans were accepted for the erection of a new building on the same site. The building committee was composed of Scott Burgett, R. Thomas, D. O. Root, Dr. J. M. Wagner, and A. J. Fonner, with the Rev. Glick as pastor. The old building was moved to the north, given a veneer of brick and made an integral part of the new.

The Corner Stone of the new building was laid with appropriate ceremonies on September 4, 1900, with Dr. W. H. Wilder delivering the address. Dr. Liff was the speaker on Dedication Day after the building was completed. The new structure was of brick, 75 by 85 feet containing auditorium, lecture room, class rooms, pastor's study, and large basement for cooking and dining facilities, erected at a cost of \$12,000.

The church completed in 1900 remained without any addition and with few alterations until 1954, a "do it yourself" addition to the basement was conceived and completed. Volunteer members of the congregation did the necessary excavation and much of the concrete, carpenter, and decorative work for the addition of some 3000 square feet on the south side of the original basement. This last addition has relieved the much crowded Sunday school facilities and serves as a recreational and social room for many church activities.

This centennial year for the City of Newman finds the Newman Methodist Church in perhaps the strongest position it has held since its foundation, in membership, spiritual dedication, and service to God and the community. Much praise must be given to Rev. R. Edward Pinder, who has been its pastor during the past four years.



SOUTH RAILROAD STREET ... in 1910.

Up and Down Broadway - 1910 to 1957

A hundred years is a long time. Many events are so dim in memory that it takes a stretch of the imagination to bring them to life. No one remains to tell, first hand, the many and important events that occurred in that long, long ago.

We do have, however, reasonably authentic accounts up through the years. It is my intention to attempt to set down some of the events and call attention to some of the people who have made our town what it is during the last 50 years.

I have no fear of contradiction when I say that from a population standpoint, Newman was at its height in 1910. The census of that year shows 1600 people living within the bounds of the town. Business was good. There were merchants in all lines. George Frame and A. R. McDonald had grocery stores, Fred L. White had an implement store, William Swickard owned a large hardware store on Railroad Street, George W. Jackson had the marble works, Miller's Department Store, Root Bros. Department Store, Fred S. Lydick, jewelry; C. G. Bacon, dentist, R. C. Gillogly, Physician, C. C. Rude was an osteopath, C. W. Rutherford, physician and surgeon, and many others.

The Douglas County Fair was in full swing, Patterson Springs Chatauqua was an added attraction. The Newman Independent soon installed a Linotype machine. The railroad ran a special train to Sullivan for the Newman-Sullivan football game. Soon, Robert A. Stickles stirred the town to its depths with his soul-searching revival. Tom's up-to-date theatre was showing the latest silent movies for 5 and 10 cents admission. Uncle Tom's Cabin attracted large crowds at the Opera House, Frank K. Page sold Jeddo Coal, requiring only a good bankable note with approved security in settlement.

The new brick road was constructed north of town for a distance of three miles; new homes were being constructed west and south of the business district. Mr. L. E. Root installed a real moving picture machine and was showing the best films of the day. Life was easy, people were friendly and business was booming. The community had not felt the impact of the automobile. Some few had autos, but the old hitch rack around the park was filled

Saturday afternoons and nights with fine horses and horse-drawn rigs.

Fourth of July celebrations were held each year, sometimes in the downtown streets, often in Hopkins Woods, southwest of town. Entertainment was largely local. Greased pig contests, greased pole climbing, foot races and all sorts of athletic events filled the celebrations and Homecomings and Horseshowes with good fun. Little did the people of Newman realize how soon all this easy comfortable living was to end in the coming war years. As early as 1914, the newspapers were filled with the war in Europe. The Lusitania was front page news. German warships and English warships were taking control of the seas. The automobile was beginning to enter the scene. In 1916, Spencer Fonner was agent for Chevrolet (the advertising spelling it out Chev-ro-la), Hossacks Dry Goods Store had replaced the Miller & Yates stores, H. L. Thomas had replaced his father in the lumber business, Calvin and Sollers operated a meat and ice business, Taylor Bros. sold real estate, W. C. Booton and Harpers had the original 5 & 10, although they catered to more expensive purchasing, as well. Johnson & Nicholson, along with Barr's, maintained large furniture stores; Kyde and Long pushed Ed V. Price clothes and fine shoes. An advertisement in The Newman Independent read: "Keep your deposits in excess of your checks and nothing will happen your mind to perplex."

W. C. Booton advertised: "Railroad fares refunded to out-of-town customers." Akers and Fonner opened the Kandy Kitchen, a most popular place for all, especially children. Henley Eversole advertised: "We have orders for more than 40 cars during last week. We expect several loads soon." The expectation was fulfilled as Mr. Eversole unloaded a whole train of automobiles, consisting of 23 carloads at one time, a feat never accomplished before or since in this community. Hill-climbing contests were held between Mr. Eversole and Mr. V. Elmore to determine which car would perform the best. Dode Swigart advertised "Bring in your old harness now. Let's get going."

William Henry was in Newman each week, buying horses, many times shipping out a caroad. Lee Allen was the

leading auctioneer; McNichols maintained a fine drug store where A. C. Bennett had sold drugs for years. Robert F. Cotton opened a law office in the Culberson block, advertising to give "special attention to collections".

With war clouds gathering, Congress enacted the income tax law; rate 2% with \$4000 exemption for married folks. S. R. Schechter was selling Olds and Overland autos. In May 1917, part of the large tract of land owned by Charles M. Culberson was offered for sale, James M. Hance buying 160 acres and Andrew Roller buying 160 acres at the public sale. The price was \$62.50 per acre. Edwin Rontledge, auctioneer, and Harry Myers, clerk, sold town property belonging to Edwin Nichols and W. J. Roller, the property being lots 9-10-11-12-13 in block 24 of Coffins First Addition. War was declared. War Savings Stamps were introduced; Kime and Schechter sold autos; S. M. Brown operated a grocery store; Dr. S. J. Veach moved to Newman to practice medicine; the first drawing for the draft was held.

Adam Bloss was the first name drawn in Newman township, if memory serves me right, and Stanton Burgett was the first casualty.

Lloyd Dodd had a dentistry office in the Winn Block, south side of Yates Street west of Broadway. J. W. Fanner advertised to do blacksmithing of all kinds; F. H. Streibich advertised to "weld" cast iron, "the only shop within 50 miles able to do the trick"; E. J. Robinson was operating the Kandy Kitchen. The flu epidemic ravaged the town and many died from its effects. War and the flu settled gloom and worry on all sides. Prices for farm products were high — corn \$2.25 per bushel, oats 80c. The era of free spending advanced prices to unheard of levels.

U. S. bond sales were pushed, neighbor competing with neighbor to buy the most bonds. Quotas were set for the

reluctant buyers and soon any expression that seemed to say "Germany might win" led to trouble for that party and unmerited distrust among his friends and neighbors. Tensions rose; the war took many of the young men of the community. Death notices from the War Department of the loss of loved ones was the daily expectation of many families. However, high prices, the tension of the times led to wild speculation and, in many cases, disastrous losses. Silk shirts at \$15 each were in constant demand and \$100 suits with \$25 shoes for the ladies were common.

Demands for good roads were insistent and Newman township was not left behind. Hard roads were built toward Murdock and all directions from Newman. The most significant development in roads started when Trails were being laid out. The Ocean to Ocean Highway was among the first, if not the first, trancontinental marked highway, being completely marked from New York to San Francisco. The telephone poles along the way were painted with two red and white stripes, and at frequent intervals so travelers could follow it without a guide book. The roads were not better than others — but they were marked. Woe to the traveler if he lost the markings. Mass meetings were held all along the highway demanding that certain routes be followed. Newman's principal boosters were Frank K. Page and Henley Eversole.

With the Armistice declared in 1918, conditions immediately began to retard — the urge was there, but everything slowed. Those who had the battle to fight on the home front at that time stand out as heroes at Home — P. P. Long, C. E. Douglass, George O. Moore, J. W. Bell, L. C. Fresh, an auctioneer, U. G. Gregg and Hiram Gregg, W. E. Fidler, Fred L. White, Burgett and Baxter (Thomas Burgett and Harry Baxter) who built a new brick garage, now occupied by Trinkle Chevrolet Co., together with

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ministers C. E. VanDermaten, Presbyterian, H. W. Hunter, Christian, and H. G. Beck, Methodist, were in the forefront. Emil L. Wiese came to Newman during this period and changed many aspects of the community. He built his very fine home on South Broadway. Following a fire which burned the elevator and lumber yard in which he had large investments, he promoted the rebuilding of the large concrete elevator that rises to a height of 110 feet above ground level. The 20's saw many businesses start, many fail and the whole business atmosphere of the town was one of constant stress.

R. C. Gillogly erected the Ocean to Ocean service station at the corner of Yates and Kings Streets. He operated this station together with F. G. Saunders. He was not only a pioneer in this enterprise, but rendered the community a great modern service. Later, Demp Cut-singer became associated with Dr. Gillogly and expanded the business to include a bulk oil plant. The Newman Memorial Park grew into a reality in 1922, being promoted largely by Henley Eversole. It has been a fine recreational spot for the community through the years.

T. J. Swigart is the oldest native born citizen who has been in business continuously during the last 50 years. Our next oldest business man in point of operating continuously is Mack Hollowell, who through good times and bad, has operated a good grocery store. Kind and affable, he is efficient in conducting his business. He opened his store for business Jan. 9, 1922. Through the 20's and into the 30's, Newman lost population. The automobile factories, the various war industries took many of the young men of the community.

Mrs. A. H. Shute's millinery store, Newman Cleaners, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Purdue; Jay North's Parlor barbershop, Crain Drug Store, Percy King's

meat market, J. M. Bridge's notion store, Newman Motor Co., Rex Green, owner, dealing in Ford cars, and Bell Auto Co. were among those who stayed on in the face of all back-sets.

Our earliest beauty shop, perhaps, was operated by Avis Brooks Read. Dr. F. C. Tabler, an osteopath, was very successful here, as well as B. L. Adams, the Newman Co-Op Shipping Association with W. L. Ramp, manager, which attempted to furnish the farmer with a better market for his livestock; although Wes Pinnell, a stock buyer of the old school, bought most of the livestock then being shipped to market by rail. As trucks came in, that line of business disappeared locally.

The Newman Building and Loan Association helped many pay for homes although through the 20's and 30's, very few homes were built. The notable exception was the E. L. Wiese home, which was one of the finest in the city. At this time, the Quality Cheese and Butter Co. established a cheese factory, which A. C. Albin later purchased and operated. Mr. Albin, an oil operator, brought both wealth and fame to Newman. His large holdings in oil enabled him to purchase at very reasonable prices large farms in the immediate vicinity of Newman. At a time when farms were almost a drag on the realty market, Mr. Albin contributed to the prosperity of the town with his forward look and interest. Then came the banking holiday — corn 11¢ per bushel, oats, which was a large crop at that time, 6¢ per bushel. Soybeans were just coming into their own at that time, and did not make a substantial showing. Here was the turning point in the farm picture. Tractors, and more tractors, came into use. Implements changed to larger and heavier types. Implement dealers came almost overnight. Burgett and Buckler filled in where Fred L. White left off when he retired. L. L. Dil-

Newman Woman's Club

1901-1957

In memory and appreciation of the members of Newman Woman's Club for their diligent and faithful service.

A COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN

Keep us, oh, God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene and gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common human heart of us all; and, oh Lord, let us not forget to be kind!

— Mary Stewart

lavou came with Case implements.

The long-awaited waterworks came into existence and although WPA was necessary to furnish the supervision with PWA money, the system was built and has become a self-sustaining municipal operation. The Kiwanis Club was organized and has made itself felt in the community. Richard Long established himself as a merchant in men's wear, Phelps Variety Store prospered for awhile, The Newman Fair put on a show for four years, providing big premium lists, fine entertainment and dance bands from the big circuits of the country. Jan Garber, "Idol of the Air Lanes", was a top attraction at one fair.

Pyle's Store was a leading dry goods store, operated by Leonard Pyle. M. L. Davis built and operated a tourist court, which has been a great asset to the town. Schweizer Chevrolet, operated by E. G. Schweizer, brought to the town a large Chevrolet dealership. A Star U. S. mail route brought more mail service to the community. With the oiling of the country roads, automobile travel became a year around matter and rural routes serving Newman were cut to two routes. The service was not impaired, the routes were just lengthened.

Paul Reese's Texaco service station, R. W. Swickard, dentist; The Newman Bakery, Sam Salsman, Coffman's General Store, Thelma Tharp Beauty Shop, Smith Drug Store, Newman Tire and Battery Shop, John C. Clay, owner, Mabel Rogers Shoppe, Edna Rice Ready to Wear store, Silberman's Furniture, operated by Jay North, J. R. Craig Grocery, M. L. McDermott watchmaking, Fleetwood battery shop, Taylor Bros. real estate were the businesses that operated. Some flourished, some died on the vine during these trying times — during the Twenties and the Thirties.

The Newman Grain and Lumber Co. now became associated with the Federal-North Iowa Grain Co., and the large concrete elevator owned by the E. L. Wiese family now was operated by Federal-North Iowa. The other elevators in the community also were purchased by them and operated as a unit. Elvis Weathers was associated with them for a period but later operated his own grain buying program and instituted a new method of buying grain — by pricing it, especially corn, at the crib on the farm. His fleet of corn shellers handled large amounts of grain which he marketed in his own trucks at Paris, principally, but also at Champaign and Decatur.

The Hi-Quality Hatchery brought to the community hatching facilities for baby chicks. The chicks were hatched locally. The business prospered because the chicks did not suffer from shipping and handling as was the case with chicks shipped from the outside. Hi-Quality was one of the firsts in Newman. It was operated by Lloyd Boyer.

Other names or business to conjure with as times became better and business prospered are Newman Lumber Co., owned by E. J. Lyon, B. W. Hooe Local Dairy, John Wax Dairy, Carl S. Long Jr., insurance, James L. Dague Insurance, Maggie & B.II Restaurant, Williamson Grocery and Meat Market, owned by Louis Williamson, McCall's Variety Store, Tackitt and Henderson barbershop, Loudon Packing Co., Crites Canning Co., Frank Marshall, Texaco bulk dealer, and Joe Job, station operator. Natural gas came to Newman in 1938, piped in here by the Citizens Gas Co. of Tuscola. Great care was used in the installation and though people were skeptical at first, it quickly became the principal fuel for heating and cooking. Over the years, Newman has had five men who have gone to the legislature of the State of Illinois — Stroder M. Long, Carl S. Burgett, J. T. Hinds, Harry Baxter and Raymond C. Gillogly.

Kook and Link brought to Newman the finest drug store in our history. They succeeded James Linder, who, due

to ill health, retired.

Mr. Roosevelt said: "Mothers, your sons will never be called to fight on foreign soil." But no sooner than the words were spoken we were in World War II up to our necks.

The effect of World War II on the community is hard to understand. So many men were called into service that labor on farms was hard to secure. The town people were asked to assist in farm work and many did. Drives for money were weekly affairs. Red Cross, Salvation Army, and bonds needed vast sums of money. Auctions were held to promote the sale of Savings bonds. One such auction netted bond sales in excess of \$400,000. Some of the article auctioned were foods of all kinds that had been donated. Even \$20 bills were offered to the person who bid the highest number of bonds. At the auction mentioned above, bonds were purchased by 225 different individuals.

Living costs as well as prices for machinery soared. To keep pace, prices of grain reached levels higher than in the first World War. At that time, prices were controlled. Gasoline was rationed and only that amount necessary to conduct one's business was given to individuals. Speed limits were set for automobiles at 45 miles per hour. Train travel was almost impossible, troop movements taking most of the available seat space. Troop trains were a daily sight through the city. Streets were full of men in uniform. Allowances for families were raised until a decent living was made possible for servicemen's families. All this time, everybody was wondering what would happen after the war. Would we go into another depression? Would there be jobs for the returning men? Would the factories have to shut down and turn men out of work

In Memoriam



Colin K. Ross, M. D.

1884 - 1950



AN 1895 "supermarket") . . .

as had been the case following World War I?

The same spirit that pulled us out of the depression prevailed and extreme hardship was avoided.

Joe Pasero operated a cafe following John Wolf, who had been in the restaurant business for more than 20 years. "The Three Sisters", Maggie Dalzell and Bill, together with Mrs. Ed Sutton and Mrs. Maud Hamilton, entered successfully into the restaurant business in the building known as the Havens Building on West Yates Street across from the post office. The postal service has been handled by J. T. Hinds, Ralph Waters, C. Q. Whallon, H. B. Rutherford and John Goodson, with Chas. Reed and others serving part time between appointments.

Klondike Cafe, owned and operated by Grant Howard, was a real fixture in town for many years and with the granting of licenses to taverns became one of the first to secure a license to operate as a tavern. Others followed quickly, with Broadway Tavern being remodeled and built into a tavern and restaurant. All the taverns have had various owners.

In 1940, Wilbur Leitzke purchased the Newman Cheese Factory and continued its operation for several years. Cornwell's Confectionery replaced the Kandy Kitchen, operated by Earl Cornwell. D. W. Culton improved the frozen food lockers that had been built by previous owners and added a grocery stock to the business. Lloyd's furniture was the outgrowth of a small furniture stock worked in with the hatchery business by Lloyd Boyer. Floyd Rahn as auctioneer held most of the community sales. Roller Arms Apartments, constructed from one of the large homes in the community, was planned by George Philip Roller, who had purchased the property from his uncle, George Roller. D. O. Kibler gave Newman its first bakery in many years and continued until Mr. Kibler decided to farm. Don Martin first advertised to do custom hauling. Stringent trucking rules caused him to switch to operating school buses for the high school and grade schools. John E. Pollock Agency and W. C. Borton Agency became the larger insurance businesses in the city.

Businesses in Newman today are:

Polar Freeze (Frank Ousley, owner), Newman Independ-

ent (E. E. Dilliner), H. I. Conn, M. D., Epperson Market (Russell Epperson), T. J. Swigart (harness and supplies), Newman Cleaners (Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McCown), Style Shop (Mrs. George Barr), Lloyd's Furniture (Lloyd Boyer).

Davis Clothing Store (Lyle Davis), Davis Electric Shop (Deane C. Davis), Borton and Hemphill Insurance Agency, Toppe's Plumbing and Heating (Irvin Toppe), Kook & Link Pharmacies, Inc. (W. H. Kook), Barr & Son (George Barr), Harshbarger Barbershop (Gilbie Harshbarger), First State Bank of Newman, Post Office (John R. Goodson, postmaster), Sally Ann Beauty Shop (Rocanna Bennett VanDyke), William M. Rominger, dentist, Ocean to Ocean Oil Co. (Dennis Bros.), Reese Dague Repair Shop, Max E. Johnson, M. D., Grab It Here (Paxton Wholesale Grocery Co.), McCall's Variety Store (Wilbur Thompson).

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'A Reminiscence'

The contrast between what this country now is and what it was a quarter of a century ago is very great. Then, it was one unbounded prairie, dotted here and there with small groves and an occasional belt of timber marking the route of some water course. At long distances, large herds of cattle and sheep could be seen quietly grazing and these and swine furnished the money accumulated by the early pioneers.

Farming was done mainly on the ridges or elevated lands while the lower lands, not being considered tillable, furnished excellent pasture.

Educational facilities and religious privileges were quite limited. Railroad communications were inadequate to the needs of the country, Homer on the north, Tuscola west and Paris on the southeast were so far distant that it took an entire day to haul a load of grain to mill or market, or to get a little shopping done. On the State Road from Hereford Park (four miles north of Newman) to Hickory Grove (Palermo) east were not more than one-half dozen inferior dwellings. Behold the change! The road is now thickly lined with substantial and ornamental residences and two fine churches rear their lofty spires where only a few years ago unsightly school houses furnished places for worship.

For many years there were no churches except one at Newman and one at Camargo. Finally the Brushy Fork (Pleasant Grove) church was built, the Embury chapel. Fairfield followed next and soon after Pleasant Ridge; then the Baptist church at Hickory Grove, or Palermo, and more recently a Christian church on Brushy Fork.

In the early days some liberal farmer would offer his large barn for funeral services or for quarterly meetings. In contrast with the limited capacity of the small school-houses and, with the floor nicely swept and benches, wagon seats and chairs well arranged, they proved no mean place for gatherings.

On the Ridge, meetings were frequently held in the large barn belonging to the late William Young which was built in war times at a cost of \$2500, the roof alone costing \$600. Now (1885) several large barns could be built for the same money.

In those times people were much more social than now. Camp meetings, Sunday School picnics and basket dinners were held. The Broadus grove near Camargo was the scene of many Sunday School gatherings, the feature at-

traction being music by the different schools and their sweet voices will long live in the memory of many of those who heard their sweet harmonies. The Camp Meetings, now nearly obsolete, were a great success, the absence of churches creating their necessity. Even that august body which dates its origin back to the times of Solomon's Temple — the Masons — were much more observant of their anniversaries than of late years and St. John' Day was yearly celebrated in this same grove by the lodges from the various towns. Old fashioned singing schools were held almost every night to which the young people went through rain or shine.

Newman was then nothing more than a "four corners", composed of one dry goods and one grocery store, a post-office, school house, blacksmith shop, one church and a few dwellings.

A few years ago a railroad was constructed through Newman. A little later another railroad was built about eight miles north of Newman, running east and west through the southern part of the great "Broadlands" farm.

Behold this land today! Where is the low-lying "untillable" prairie of only a few years ago? All drained out. Where was once almost impassable swamps can now be found our most fertile corn fields. Neat farm residences are thickly interspersed; the countryside and Newman, its trading center and market, is a robust town with fine schools, three churches, many stores and shops, an elevator, a flour mill, livery stables, four doctors and a dentist, a newspaper, tile factories and brick yards, and well over a thousand inhabitants.

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— From a Mary Jane Page article in The Independent

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THE OLD MILL ... Located on a site now occupied by the residences of Russell Epperson, James Drake and Mrs. Charles Kirchner.

In the late sixties or early seventies, the "old flour mill" was constructed by Enos Siler, who came to the community from Cooks Mills, an early community settled near Mattoon. He was the father of Albert Siler, who for many years operated a grocery store in Newman, first on the east side of North Broadway and later in the Masonic building on the west side of the street.

The mill was a three story, frame building about 80 feet square — a very strong and practical building. The machinery was powered by a steam engine and employed stone burrs for grinding.

This mill was situated on the land where the houses of Russell Epperson, James Drake and the late Charles Kirchner now stand. It was operated by J. L. Berkley, grandfather of Edgar and Russell Young. When Mr. Siler came to Newman, he brought Mr. Berkley with him from Cooks Mills to operate the mill.

Water to operate the steam plant came from a large pond, about 100 feet square, which was created by simply excavating a shallow pit. Due to the fact there was no drainage in the country at that early date, water stood in the sloughs and natural ditches the year around and

water supply was maintained 12 months without difficulty.

In winter, the frozen mill pond afforded an ideal spot for skaters to cavort. It was on this pond that Ruben Thomas, one of the prominent businessmen of the period, proved himself to be the finest skater in the community. With his flashing blades, he could trace his name and cut numerals in the ice with considerable skill.

The mill was operated for many years, grinding wheat raised in the vicinity into flour to be returned to the grower for his own use.

After a few years, Enos Siler sold his interest to Ruben Thomas and J. L. Berkley, who, in turn, sold to John Poulter. Achieving little or no success with the mill, Poulter sold his interests to Charles M. Culberson, who, with W. A. Jennings, attempted to promote an electric light plant. This project, however, was dropped after fire destroyed the mill before the plant materialized.

The promoters had planned to operate the light plant with the steam power available at the mill. It is interesting to note that the suggested rate for the small candle-power lights that were to be used was \$1.25 per week per light.

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Newman Woman's Club

Mrs. Sue Cash Springer called to her home on Aug. 10, 1901, a group of local women who were interested in organizing a Woman's Club in Newman. Several months' study, consideration and solicitation of prospective members had preceded this meeting. An organization was affected with the purpose of the club being to promote social fellowship and mental culture.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Sue Cash Springer; first vice-president, Mrs. Isabelle Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Frame; corresponding and recording secretary, Miss Carolyn Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. Minnie I. Wagner.

Charter members were Mrs. Grace Alkire, Miss Margaret Black, Mrs. M. W. Bennett, Mrs. Pearle Bennett, Mrs. Alice Burgett, Mrs. Emma Burgett, Mrs. N. L. Chapman, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Cash, Mrs. Lillie Eagler, Mrs. Olive Evcrsole, Mrs. Elizabeth Y. Frame, Mrs. H. L. Gillogly, Mrs. Pearl Alley Gillogly, Mrs. Maude Gillogly, Miss Nellie Hollowell, Mrs. S. E. Holmes, Mrs. Belle Jenkins, Mrs. Lillie A. Kyde, Mrs. Lattie Lydick, Mrs. Ella M. Moore, Mrs. Emma B. Page, Mrs. M. J. Page, Miss Hattie E. Root, Miss Blanche Root, Miss Blanche Rude, Mrs. Lida Root, Mrs. Grace Rutherford, Miss Stella Stone, Miss Anna Sidenstricker, Mrs. Georgianna Simmons, Mrs. Ina Scotten, Mrs. Isabelle Smith, Mrs. Sue C. Springer, Mrs. Jane Shaw, Miss Carolyn Thomas, Mrs. Rosalia H. Thomas, Mrs. Sina Stickle Thomas, Mrs. L. C. Turner, Mrs. Lulu Cash Vandine, Mrs. Minnie Wagner, Mrs. Ella Wagner, Mrs. Flora White.

The club motto, "Why Stay We on Earth Except to Grow", and the club emblem, the Evergreen, have remained the same throughout the years. The club colors which were originally pink and white, are at present pink and green.

There were no departments, club members were expected to be interested in all phases of study. The subjects considered during the first year pertained to American literature and the home. Club meetings were held in the homes of the members.

The club became District Federated in 1903 and State Federated in 1905. A club library, open to members and the public on Friday afternoons, was established in 1909, at the home of Miss Josephine Siler, with Miss Siler acting as librarian. The club library was moved to the grade school and the Township High School and finally to the Presbyterian church in 1917 (present location), still being maintained by the Woman's Club until 1926.

Three departments were formed in 1911: Literature, Music and Domestic Science. Members had the privilege of belonging to all departments or any of their choice.

The club functioned under those departments until 1929, when the Garden department was added. Between 1933 and 1938 the departments of Publicity, Art, and Motion Pictures were adopted. In later years, the departments have varied, with Conservation, Legislation, American Home, and Drama adding to the scope of the club's programs. The membership is general now rather than departmental.

Since 1947, club meetings have been held in the Kiwanis club rooms. The club became General Federated in 1945. Through the years of its existence, the Newman Woman's Club has met the requirements of district, state, and general federations, and supported their various projects. While the club still functions as an organized center through which educational and social interests of women were the original object, service to mankind was a natural outgrowth.

The club has contributed in many ways to the betterment and upbuilding of the community. Free lectures have been given to the public. Milk has been furnished to undernourished children. Club members have traveled to veterans' hospitals to present programs and gifts to the patients. Subscriptions to Book Clubs for the library have been maintained. Trees, shrubs and flowers have been planted. Financial contributions have been made to various medical research associations. For several years, a local high school student has been sponsored at the Egyptian Music Camp.

The membership fluctuates from year to year. The largest membership being 94; the present membership is 68. Club members who have been honored with a Life Membership, in recognition of service to the club, include: Mrs. Rosalia H. Thomas, Mrs. M. J. Page, and Mrs. Carl Long. Members who have served as 19th District Chairmen are Mrs. Arthur Parr, Mrs. Madge Conn and Mrs. Everett Young.

The following members have served as president:

*Mrs. Sue Cash Springer 1901-07; *Mrs. R. C. Gillogly 1907-09; *Mrs. N. L. Chapman 1909-10; *Mrs. Sue Cash Springer 1910-12; *Mrs. William Morrow 1912-15; *Miss Agnes Rutherford 1915-16; Mrs. Carl Long 1916-17; Mrs. Mabel Adams 1917-19; Mrs. A. R. McDonald 1919-20; Miss Louise McIntyre 1920-21; Miss Eugenia Rutherford 1921-23; Mrs. Arthur Parr 1923-25; *Mrs. Edgar Young 1925-27; *Mrs. E. O. Swickard 1927-28; *Mrs. J. M. McKnight (Sue Cash Springer) 1928-30; Mrs. J. C. Dawson 1930-31; Mrs. William Hance 1931-32; Miss Martha Shephard 1932-35; Mrs. Everett Young 1935-37; Mrs. Ervin Kincaid 1937-

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Along about 1890, give or take a few years, telephone service came to Newman. A very dim memory of this "Step in the March of Progress" is that it was called the Douglas County Telephone Co., whose president was Mr. Culver of Decatur and J. W. Hamilton of Tuscola, general manager. It was also often called the "Bell telephone" because of having been invented by a man of that name.

The first "exchange" was in a room of the Smith home on West Green street, now the residence of Wesley Gallion. When the two-story brick store room at the northwest corner of Broadway and Yates was built, shortly before the turn of the century, the exchange was moved there, to the same room it occupies today.

At first, all of the subscribers lived in Newman. Marion Young, J. A. Church, John Hance and Logan Coolley were probably the first country residents to have telephones. They built and paid for their line and then gave it to the company.

Meanwhile, a man named Chapman came to Newman and started another telephone company, with an exchange in the upper floor of the Thomas lumber company office on North Yates street. The two exchanges were not connected by wires, which made a complication very unpopular among the business and professional men — they had to install and pay rental on two telephones. After a few years of service, the Chapman company closed its exchange.

In the early days the list of country subscribers increased rapidly and the company bought a team of dun-colored ponies and a buggy for the use of the "trouble-shooter" in maintaining the farmers' lines and phones and installing new service.

33; Miss Gladys Rae Watkins 1938-41; Mrs. Russell Young 1941-42; Mrs. Willard Hagebush 1942-43; Mrs. G. P. Roller 1943-45; Miss Genevieve Myers 1945-46; Mrs. W. C. Booton 1946-48; Mrs. William B. McGaughey 1948-49; Mrs. Homer Epperson 1949-50; Mrs. Frank Marshall 1950-51; Mrs. Harold Eckerty 1951-52; Mrs. Loren Biddle 1952-53; Mrs. Ross Richards 1953-54; Mrs. Fletcher Weathers 1954-55; Mrs. Frank Ousley 1955-56; Mrs. John R. Wagner 1956-57. *Deceased.

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THE MATSON SLAVE TRIAL

From early spring in 1843 until October of 1847, Negro slaves were held in bondage in what is now Newman township.

They were brought here from Bourbon county, Kentucky, by their owner, Robert Matson, to what was known as Black Grove, on the north bank of Brushy Fork creek two miles east of Newman. Only a few trees of this grove remain.

Records of the public land office at Palestine show that Matson entered the 80 acres described as the west half of the northwest quarter of section 33, township 16 north, range 14 west, on Aug. 3, 1842. Just why he selected this particular tract is not known, unless it was that this grove was at the east end of the timber along Brushy Fork and prairie lands for grazing were north, east and south of it and a streak of gravel in the stream bed provided a good ford for crossing. Adjoining land was a part of the public domain lands until after 1850, open to anyone.

Matson would bring slaves from his home near Paris, Ky., in the spring to do farm work and take them back to Kentucky in the late fall, leaving one to look after the place until his return the following year. In 1847, he brought a slave woman and her four children but late in the summer a threat to take the four children back to Kentucky to be sold caused them to flee to Oakland where they were aided by two abolitionists, Matson, in an effort to regain his slaves, brought suit in the courts at Charleston and at a trial held Oct. 16, 1847, the slaves were declared free. Matson's attorneys were Usher F. Linder and Abraham Lincoln.

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OLD OPERA HOUSE BLOCK — The above is a picture of East Yates street as it appeared over 60 Years ago. It was taken sometime between 1890 and 1895. W. J. G. Pound, whose name appears, did not go into the hardware business until February of 1890; and the picture was first published in the Special Anniversary edition of The Newman Independent in 1895. Underneath it was the line, "Thomas Hull's Corn Parade", but no other information. Mr. Hull did not operate an elevator but he bought corn and shipped it in carload lots. Lined up at the left of the front row can be seen a horse drawn corn sheller and a steam engine. In the street is an estimated 1500 bushels of ear corn, enough to fill a 40-ton box car with shelled corn. The man on horseback is Sam Record, a stock buyer who was associated with Mr. Hull.

The large brick building is the old Opera House

block, all of which, with the exception of the section which bears the name "Root Bros.", was destroyed by fire early in 1903. This block was built in 1875 by Isaac W. Burgett (Root Bros.), Howard Bros. (furniture), Murphy & Hancock & Co. (bank), Judd Thayer (Pound Hardware) and L. J. Cash (clothing). Between the Opera House block and the livery stable (now the city building) stood the residence of Peachy Cash, father of S. C. and L. J. Cash, who died in 1881 and was buried at Fairfield. The three small business rooms just east of the large building were built later by James P. Heaton and Joseph Dawson.

At the left was a small, two-room physician's office built soon after the Civil War and occupied by Dr. W. A. Smith and later by Dr. J. M. Wagner.

Across the picture can be seen two lines which were wires to carry electricity from the Streibich blacksmith shop, Newman's first electric light plant.



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There was always sicknesses, snake bites, new babies or broken bones among the sparsely settled land, and a doctor's business depended on his house calls. Many times coming eastward from the town of Newman, he had to swim his horse through the slough and sometimes leave the horse and proceed on foot.

At a time when it was suspected that a certain party in Newman was selling liquor rather under the counter, it was the custom of some of the faithful to get down to the outlet early in the morning to get an early nip. One morning the operator of the place failed to get down at the appointed time and the thirsty individuals were putting in the time discussing the age of some of the buildings on the square. It finally revolved itself around how long each of the individuals had been in Newman. At last, one of the party, who also was late getting around, came in sight and he was questioned as to how long he had been here. "Ever since 6:00 o'clock; isn't that old so and so down yet," he exclaimed.

Many early residents of Newman were Civil War veterans and they loyally supported the Grand Army of the Republic as long as there was a living member. They usually turned out to the last man for a holiday celebration. Mrs. May Lewis Stickle and her son, Frank, had an upstairs apartment on the west side of the park. On the Fourth of July, she invited ladies to view the parade from her balcony. Down the street swung the boys in blue with muskets on their shoulders (loaded with wads). One-two-three-half-fire — came the command; and fire they did, just under the balcony. But screams and a hasty exit to safer quarters was the answer. Some fertile mind had provided each gun with enough powder to make the report very interesting. — Helen L. Fansler.

Dr. John R. Wagner, who practiced medicine in Newman for a lifetime, was known as a very hard master on the horses he drove when making his professional calls. On returning from a trip to the country, he came to the office with his horse almost exhausted and covered with lather from the heat. His son, Ralph, who also was a physician, remonstrated with Dr. Wagner, saying he was driving the horse too hard. The doctor is reported as replying: "Ralph, always keep in mind that there will be plenty of horses when both of us are dead and gone."

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Newman, Illinois

ALMOST A CENTURY

The Newman Independent was first published by Cicero V. Walls in April 1873. In October, publication was suspended for a year and then resumed by Mr. Walls. In 1882, it was leased to Carl H. Uhler and he continued it until sometime in 1883 when Mr. Walls again took over, until 1884 when it was leased to A. B. Smith. A. B. Smith and his brother, M. S. Smith, bought the paper in 1887. In 1890, it was moved from its quarters near the southeast corner of the public square to its present location. M. S. Smith became the sole owner in 1894 and he continued to edit and publish the paper until his death on May 18, 1928.

His son, H. B. Smith, continued to operate the newspaper until April 1, 1949, when it was purchased from the Smith estate by Eugene E. Dilliner of Arrola.

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Timber Road

In an early day, Brushy Fork Creek was a very small stream and the woods extended on either side for only a half mile or so. On the south side of this creek, a road was made that ran from the vicinity of Newman to "Nip 'n Tuck". This road through the woods, was called the Timber Road and it was as crooked as the creek. To the north or south you could take the North Prairie Road or the South Prairie Road to the same destination. In the summer-time the Timber Road was shady and restful to travel. In the winter, the large trees and under-brush kept off the cold northern winds.

Along this creek settled the first pioneers of this community. Here they found many of the natural resources to make and maintain a home; timber for log houses, barns, rail fences, and firewood; a creek for water; a variety of grasses for the stock. Deer were plentiful, as were prairie chickens and partridges. The prairies gave promise of fertile farm land.

In the year of 1829, Young E. Winkler came to Illinois and settled in this area, two miles southwest of where Newman is now located. As late as 1839, there were just seven families in what is now Newman township; namely, Anson Gaston, Robert Hopkins, Enoch J. Howell, Joseph Skinner and three Winkler families. Soon afterward came Robert Albin and three more brothers of Robert Hopkins. In the Nip 'n Tuck neighborhood, among the earliest settlers were Hancocks, Reddens, Ashmores and I. W. Burgett.

The early settlers were very religious. Second only to their religion was their desire to provide schools for their children. The first church services were held in their homes and later, when schools were built, in the school houses. The Newman Methodist, Wesley Chapel and Pleasant Grove churches were the outgrowth of these meetings.

A log schoolhouse was built in the early 1830's, about one-half mile northeast of the present Wesley Chapel church and served the community well until 1851. At this time "Red Schoolhouse" (picture) was built, a short distance southwest of the present Hopkins bridge. The sawed lumber for the school was hauled by team from Rockville, Ind. In 1883, this building was moved to the location of the Winkler school. It was replaced in 1898 by the present building. Attendance here was always free to anyone although no provision was made to collect taxes for school

purposes until 1856. At an early date, what was known as a "pay school" was established on the William Hopkins farm.

In its natural state, the pioneers found the ground very wet and swampy. It took a long time for the water to drain away. For drinking water, they just dug a small hole in the ground and, in a short time, had nice cool water to drink.

Before the days of baked clay tile, they used either the clapboard or mole-ditcher method of providing drainage. In the clapboard method, a trench was dug two or three feet deep and about eight inches wide. Then a clapboard 12 inches wide, split from an oak or walnut log, was placed in that trench where it rests at an angle, one edge against the bottom and the other against the side, since the trench is only eight inches wide and the board is 12. The triangular space left in the bottom becomes the drain and the trench is refilled with dirt.

The mole-ditcher was altogether different. On the under-side of a huge timber was fastened a thin piece of iron about four inches wide, two feet long and sharpened at the front edge. On the lower end of this was an iron shoe with a very sharp pointed toe. The weight of the log kept the shoe in the ground and the hole it made, as it burrowed through the ground, like the mole from whom it gets its name, formed an underground drain that carried away the water. It took six teams of oxen to pull this type of ditcher and two men to drive the oxen. Squire Tom Johnson and Taylor Corbin were two very expert drivers. This type of drain would last for years. Every once in a while, years afterward, water would come bubbling up in some man's field and he thought for sure he had found a spring; but it was only a mole-ditcher's drain!

On the farm of Gladys Jones Payne, stands a barn that

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IN MEMORY OF

Alexander Ray McDonald, who passed away February 13, 1950. He came to Newman at the age of 21 and purchased the Frank K. Page grocery April 25, 1911, and operated it until 1932. He also conducted a general insurance agency from 1925 to 1950.

MRS. ALEXANDER RAY McDONALD
MRS. GEORGE FERGUSON

Centennial Greetings

From

C. H. Richards



Winkler School ... built in 1851

was built before the Civil War. It is in excellent condition. Huge white oak beams support the hay-mow and the sills are hewn on one side only, resting on rocks. The original flooring is still in use, held in place by wooden pins. In the center of this floor is a large post, extending from floor to ceiling. This was the room in which the grain was trampled out. Unthreshed grain was thrown upon the floor and a team of horses was walked around and around this pole, tramping out the grain. Every so often, the straw was lifted off with a pitch-fork and the grain scooped up and thrown into a fanning mill, cleaned, and stored in a nearby bin. This grain was all cut with scythe and cradle, and hand bound.

The horse power threshing machine soon came into use. With this early type, the straw was taken away from the back of the machine with a horse and pole. Soon after this, the old circle straw stacker and steam engine were used and the bands of the bundles were cut by hand as they were thrown from the wagon or off the stack onto the cutting platforms. Then came the "windy stacker", which in most cases, blew the straw all over the farm. So, today, it is quite a relief for one man to drive a combine into a field of ripe grain; to cut and thresh it all in one operation when it used to take 25 men and as many or more horses. But gone and regretted are the wonderful threshing dinners.

Marketing both grain and livestock, in the pre-railroad days was a difficult task. Much of the grain was taken about 40 miles by wagon to mill and to market at either

Perrysville or Eugene, Ind. Sawed lumber and other supplies were brought back. Some grain was wagoned to Chicago where prices were better and a greater variety of articles could be bought.

Daniel Atto, father of Ira Atto, used to tell many interesting stories of driving hogs to Terre Haute, Ind. There they were butchered, loaded on boats, and sent to southern markets. In 1850, Enoch Howell drove a bunch of cattle to the Chicago market.

The Albin Cemetery, where many of the pioneers are buried, is located on Timber Road, the oldest known grave having a headstone dated 1835. Here also, stands a large monument, dedicated May 30, 1908, "to the memory of our soldier heroes". Forty soldiers' and sailors' graves are decorated every year; graves of those who served in the Blackhawk War, Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War One. Of these, one is the grave of a Confederate soldier and one the rock-marked grave of an unknown soldier.

The first party of men to leave Newman and vicinity for the Civil War consisted of 28 single men. They became a part of Grant's old regiment, the 21st Illinois. Seven of these men were killed in action or died of wounds received. Samuel Albin, son of Robert Albin, was one of those killed. Three were discharged on account of wounds and one deserted to the Confederate side. John Welliver and C. A. Coykendall were on their way home on the Sultana in 1864 but she burned up just above Memphis and Welliver lost his life. Coykendall was severely burned. He reached Tuscola but died before getting home. Several of the others served until the end of the war.

Douglas county furnished 1175 men for the Civil War and 27 of these came from Timber Road.

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In the history of Newman four names dominate the building trades because of the excellence of their work and long years of service to the community; Sollers, Vermillion, Richards and Drake. Brickmasons, carpenters and painters. Erastus Sollers, mason, came to Newman before the railroad was built and helped build the first brick building erected in Newman. His son, Joseph, learned the trade under his father's direction, and his son, Jack, carries on. Three generations serving for more than eighty-five years. A Mrs. Vermillion was one of the first Newican settlers and her son, William, her grandson Fred, and great grandson William; three generations of carpenters. John (Dick) Richards, a painter came to Newman soon after the Civil War and his son, Albert, and his grandson, Charles, constitute another long record of continuous service. Although of only two generations, Thomas Drake and his sons, John and William, have been carpenters in Newman for more than seventy years.

One of the interesting antiques in Newman's business world is the old safe owned by Dode Swigart. It was made in Cincinnati before the days of rail freight. To get here, it was shipped down the Ohio river, thence up the Wabash to Clinton, Ind.; hauled overland from there to Oakland, Ill., and bought by S. C. Cash, who was in business there. When he moved to Newman and became one of our first storekeepers, he brought the safe here and used it until he went out of business. Then Dode's father, T. W. Swigart, bought it and it has been used in that place of business ever since. The owners never had to learn a combination because it operates with a huge key.

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Ignatius Streibich, a native of Baden, Germany; who came to Newman after serving in the Union armies in the Civil War and opened a blacksmith shop, is perhaps the only man in Newman who ever kept his "charge accounts" on a slate. It wasn't a very large slate, perhaps 9 by 12 inches, and he used both sides, and it hung on a nail alongside a calendar. When the account was settled he did not mark it "Paid" — merely erased the name and the items.

A family, moving West, stopped at the home of Lewis Josserand, south of Newman with a very sick baby.

The baby died and the mother gave Mrs. Josserand a shrub, she was taking to her new home, as a token of her appreciation.

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Chronology - 1880-1896

1880

Jan. 28 — Rev. "Father" Coolley, the patriarch of the Ridge has just died, having lived to see his fourth generation. He organized the C. P. church, called "Fairfield" in 1855, though they had no church building unt'l 1869. He continued to serve as pastor until 1872.

1881

Oct. 27 — Miss Emma Six and Mr. Joe Alexander were married today at the home of the bride in Broadlands. After a bountiful collation, the happy pair took the noon train for an extended tour.
Oct. 1 — I. N. Covert rented his farm and moved to Newman, having purchased the Wm. Brown property.
Nov. — The C. P. church was dedicated, the Rev. Johnson of Mattoon preached the dedicatory sermon.

1882

Feb. 4 — "Grandma" Coolley, relict of the late "Father", died today, aged 78 years.
Apr. 3 — J. R. Page rented his farm and moved to town, having bought property in the west end of the city.
Aug. 29 — Mrs. Joe Alexander died today of typhoid fever, leaving her home desolate.
Sept. 30 — A cyclone struck the Ridge, unroofing James Neal's house and tearing up his orchard of 25-year-old trees by the roots and landing them in an adjoining cornfield. Several cars were blown from the tracks here in town. Roofs were blown off and chimneys blown down. Much damage was done throughout the vicinity.
Oct. 29 — Dr. Hickman's residence was destroyed by fire. Nearly everything else was saved.
Dec. 25 — A grand double wedding tonight at the Christian church, the contracting parties being W. J. G. Pound and Miss Fanny Russell, and James Hunt and Miss Josie Pound. Prof. Black of Indianapolis officiated.

1883

Jan. 20 — The high school building caught fire just after

the noon intermission, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

Feb. 15 — Water higher here than ever before. Twenty-three families had to move out of their homes. The water and ice were over the railroad bridge east of town. The ice knocked down the telegraph poles and the wires are down.
Mar. 14 — Rev. J. W. Tull has had a wonderful revival in the M. E. church, resulting in 110 accessions to the church.
Oct. 8 — J. T. Todd, telegraph operator here, and Laura Cash, were married and went to Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia on their bridal trip. An attempt was made to rob the house of the bridal gifts while the company of guests were at the depot to see the happy couple off but the mother and brother of the bride scared the burglar away, not, however, until he had been recognized.
Oct. 11 — Dr. Holton of Palermo and Ura Ames were married today.
Oct. 9 — Judge Moffit and Miss Lulu Hancock were married and took the evening train for an extended trip.

1884

Jan. 20 — The chandelier in the M. E. church fell this evening, just before the services as the sexton was lighting up.
Jan. 27 — Moses Stickels was buried today. Prof. Black preached the discourse at the Christian church to

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- large audience of people, as "Uncle" Mose was one of the oldest residents in the county.
- Feb. 4 — Katie Cash and R. L. Robertson were married at the bride's home this evening.
- Feb. 8 — R. Thomas has bought A. B. Powell's tile factory.
- Feb. 15 — I. W. Burgett of Brushy Fork, after a lingering illness of typhoid fever, died today. He was born in Ohio in 1829 and came to Brushy Fork with his widowed mother in 1839.
- Mar. 26 — "Uncle" Peachy Cash was buried today at the Fairfield cemetery.
- Mar. 30 — George Guthrie, a former resident of Palermo, was shot and killed in his place of business in New Mexico.
- June 30 — James Coolley's little four-year-old son, of the Ridge, was recently bitten by a mad dog and was taken to Terre Haute to have a mad stone applied to the wound.
- Aug. 15 — David Todd, while visiting friends at Cherry Point, met with a runaway accident, receiving serious injuries, including a broken hip, when thrown from a buggy.
- Sept. 27 — Sam Lyons of Hume was run over by the cars at Decatur and instantly killed.
- Dec. 25 — We have had the deepest snow in this vicinity in 20 years. The roads and lanes have been filled with drifts.

1885

- May 1 — Samantha Anderson and Luther Hughey were the graduates at the first Newman high school commencement exercises.
- July 9 — Ed Cole's block was burned down, also the Bates

House, post office and several other buildings were destroyed.

- Sept. 1 — Mr. Rhodes, a lawyer of many years, after being paralyzed for some time, has recently died.
- Sept. — Mrs. Wm. Young's house on the Ridge was burned recently. She had spent the past four years at Lincoln, where her daughter attended college. She has just graduated and they have returned here and will rebuild.
- Oct. — Rev. Tull, one of the most popular ministers ever sent to the Newman M. E. Church, has been transferred to Tolono. Rev. Morrison succeeds him here as pastor.
- Nov. 28 — Thanksgiving night the C. P. church gave a Fan Drill and literary entertainment at the opera hall, concluding with a basket social. Receipts \$50.
- Dec. — The Chautauqua literary circle met at W. F. Murphy's. Following the program the hostess surprised the circle by treating them to an oyster supper.

1886

- Jan. 24 — Rev. McKnight's protracted meetings have resulted in 17 additions at one charge and 25 at the other, making a total of 42.
- Feb. 22 — Alex Mack, formerly of Palermo and lately of Tuscola, has removed to Florida, where his daughters are carrying on ladies' seminary.
- Feb. 23 — Rev. Morrison has been holding a series of meetings at the M. E. Church, closing with 50 accessions.
- Mar. 10 — The town was raided by burglars who broke the windows in Gillogly's, Bennett's and Goldman's stores, and the post office, cleaning out the show

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cases, etc. They took the midnight train, stopped at Metcalf and blew open the door and the safe in Cash's store but were scared away before getting anything.

- April — S. T. Gunn has sold his store to J. H. Scotten and has gone into the poultry business.
- April — The burglars who recently raided this town have been caught in Indianapolis. Gillogly and Goldman recovered part of their goods.
- June 17 — Mrs. Dan Cole fell from a cherry tree today and broke her shoulder.
- June 19 — John Hughes of South Prairie was buried today with Masonic services.
- Oct. 10 — A kiln at the tile factory just west of town burst, burying under the hot bricks and tile Mr. John Fields, who was so badly burned he died in about a week.
- Oct. 23 — Oakland is in ashes. The whole business part is burned besides many dwellings. Loss estimated at \$300,000.
- Nov. — Mr. Culberson had 150 tons of hay burned election night, which caught fire from a burning slough.

1887

- Jan. 13 — 'Grandma' Howard had a reunion with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild on her 80th birthday. Five generations were present.
- Feb. 3 — A grand wolf hunt came off today. Reporters from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the Chicago Times took part in the chase.
- Mar. 19 — Dan McIntyre has bought out Cole's old jewelry stand from Mr. Townsend.
- Sept. 10 — C. V. Walls has sold the Newman Independent to Smith Brothers, Mose and Albert.

1888

- Jan. 9 — James Gillogly has sold his interest in the Gillogly and Root Store to L. E. Root. The firm will be known as Root Bros.
- Mar. 6 — Dan McIntyre has sold his jewelry store for a large farm near Brocton.
- June 15 — I. N. Covert has resigned his position as president of the Newman Bank and Hon. S. M. Long has taken his place.
- Aug. 8 — Our citizens have erected an elegant pagoda in the park, which is an ornament to the town.

1889

- Jan. 18 — John McIntyre was buried today. His parents

celebrated their Golden Wedding recently with all their 12 children present. John's death is the first break in the family.

- Mar. 5 — Bert Cooley has just graduated from a medical college in Chicago and is now licensed to "kill or cure".
- Aug. 20 — 'Grandma' Howard died recently. She was 86 and lived to see her fifth generation.
- Sept. 26 — Millie Taylor and George Dawson were married and took the noon train to Bromfield, Neb.
- Sept. 28 — George White and wife, while returning from a soldiers' reunion at Atlanta, stopped at Lookout mountain. While making the descent on the famous incline railway, the electricity gave out and caused a grand smash-up. Two were killed outright and many injured, among whom were George and his wife. Though severely injured, they are thankful that they escaped with their lives.
- Sept. 30 — Charles Weed, a former liveryman here, was in a bad train wreck on the New York Central. He barely escaped with his life but the man in the berth under him was killed.
- Dec. 23 — The Christian church members have repaired, enlarged and remodeled their church and put in a large stained glass window behind the pulpit. The church is now the handsomest in the city.

1890

- Jan. 30 — A new cemetery has been laid out just west of Newman.
- Feb. 22 — Walter Bivins has sold his stock of hardware to W. J. G. Pounds.
- Mar. 22 — Sherman Cook's little babe, buried in the new cemetery, was the first interment there.
- July 3 — The "Queen of Fame" was given at the opera house by home talent. It was fine. The receipts were about \$90.
- Sept. 24 — James Gillogly has bought the George Fuller building and will open a new dry goods store there.

1891

- May 24 — The new George White Addition to Newman called "Oklahoma" has been nearly filled with new building already.
- May 24 — Walter Bivens has torn down the old livery stable east of the Methodist church and moved a house to the lot.
- May 2 — Dr. O'Garr has been hired to leave Newman and has gone to Hume.
- June 29 — George White has sold 90 buggies this Spring

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- June 5 — C. E. Flowers sold 10 organs and two pianos during May.
July 16 — A good vein of water was struck at the Star Mill at 187 feet.
July 16 — Sam Hopkins has purchased the Dr. Rose land adjoining Newman at \$65 per acre.
July 25 — About 50 of our citizens have gone blackberrying, taking tents and gasoline stoves with them.
July 26 — J. S. Dawson has bought the 160 acre Gobert farm south of Newman at \$40 per acre.
Oct. 3 — Newman's second Fair was held during the last three days. There was a balloon ascension with a man going up and coming down in a parachute.

1892

- Jan. 5 — An Indian Sagwa troupe here at the opera house this week, selling medicines and pulling teeth.
Jan. 16 — Hull and Hinds sold their broomcorn to a Chicago firm for \$25,000. This is the biggest sale of broom corn ever made in Douglas county.
Jan. 17 — Snow fell for 18 hours and is now a foot deep. Sleighing is superb and cutters are flying everywhere.
Mar. 9 — Streibich & Hull have formed a new electric light company and bought a new dynamo and a larger engine.
May 12 — This has been the rainiest Spring on record. During April, 12 inches of rain fell.
June 3 — Mrs. O. B. Ficklin has been here and established a library of 114 volumes.
July 18 — One of the largest basket meetings ever held in this vicinity was at the Pleasant Ridge grove. Fully 2000 people were there and the day was glorious. Rev. Scrimger, Rev. Want and Rev. Parker Shields preached.
July 25 — The Chicago Company played here one week. A Newman girl held the lucky number and drew the silver water pitcher.
Aug. 5 — George White, up to date, has sold 49 self binders this season.
Aug. 18 — The old elevator, commonly called Scanling's elevator, on North Broadway, took fire in the top and within 15 minutes the whole building was in flames.
Mar. 2 — A new side track is being put in at McCown and there will be a new station there.
Nov. 5 — Tower and Caldwell have contracted for two carloads of marble from Rutland, Vt. It will be made into monuments at their shop near the railroad on North Broadway.

1893

- Jan. 12 — The Odd Fellows are now occupying their new temple on railroad street, the finest in this part of the state. It was dedicated today with 250 visiting members in attendance.
Jan. 17 — The Thermometer was at 27 degrees below zero this morning. It had been at 22 to 24 below for several days.
Feb. 4 — George Rassenfoss has sold his bakery to A. Bosch.
Feb. 4 — Worst sleet storm ever known here. Terrible rain. Wires down everywhere. Terrible suffering among stock. Such a storm not known in 35 years.
Aug. 26 — Grasshoppers are eating up everything this year. What they and the dry weather did not de-

stroy a terrible wind and heavy rainstorm did.

- Oct. 20 — Ed Nichols shipped a train load of 11 cars of cattle which were sent to Boston and by boat from there to Liverpool.

1894

- Jan. 9 — J. R. Page has gone into the coal business and has put scales in front of his store on North Broadway.
Mar. 21 — Ab Ashmore's smoke house burned, including the hams, shoulders and sides of five hogs.
Aug. 10 — About 200 Newman residents went to Oakland to attend the barbecue and Old Settler's Reunion held there.
Aug. 18 — Ralph Hannum, an 11-year-old boy, died of injuries received when he fell through the top of a circus tent on the lots west of the Roller elevator. He had gone up there to fix the canvas around one of the poles.
Dec. 31 — A new canning factory is being erected on the north side of the railroad at the east end of Van Deren street. It will can tomatoes. It is expected to be ready for the 1895 season.

1895

- Jan. 16 — Ed Nichols has purchased six lots from Mrs. Belle McIntyre and will build a fine modern home.
Mar. 17 — Ab Ashmore has bought the Gunn property on East Green Street.
Mar. 31 — Carl Burgett has bought the Walls property on the south side of the public square and will make it into a broom factory.
Mar. 31 — A. C. Bennett and J. R. Page are building new brick store rooms on the west side of Broadway just north of the Masonic lodge building.
June 10 — James Barr has received a new \$1,000 hearse.
June 29 — The broom factory shipped 800 dozen brooms last week.
May 30 — Bert Goldman rode his bicycle from Oakland to Newman, 13 miles, in 38 minutes.
Aug. 2 — The Newman Independent issued 5000 copies of their souvenir edition celebrating the paper's 21st birthday.
Oct. 2 — M. S. Smith, Clark Randall, J. C. Gillogly and J. E. Jeffers, "The Big Four," rendered some fine quartettes at the State Fair last week.
Dec. 20 — J. T. Hinds has sold his hardware store to William Swickard.

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Wesley Chapel

The Wesley Chapel Church pictured here was built in the Summer and Fall of 1891 and dedicated Dec. 10, 1892.

The dedication service was conducted by the Rev. M. H. Ewers of Potomac. The first pastor was the Rev. Parker Shields. The society was organized May 26, 1891, by Joseph Long. The first Sunday School superintendent was J. C. Ogdon and first secretary was Alice Ashmore.

The first trustees were Samuel Hawkins, Thomas White, Luther Winkler and J. W. Sowers. The first stewards were Samuel Hawkins, Charles Ford and Lydia Turbeyville.

The first line-up of teachers in the Sunday School included: Class 1, James Ogdon; Class 2, Sanford Albin; Class 3, Wesley Sowers; Class 4, Lydia Turbeyville; Class 5, Alfred Albin; Class 6, Lizzie Hawkins.

The cost of the church building was \$1800. A lot of

volunteer labor was used. At the dedication, \$350 was subscribed to pay the balance on the cost of the church building.

Some of the ministers who have acted as pastors of this church are: L. F. Walden, C. F. Tobey, C. M. Oakwood, W. T. Heater, Jonathan Glick, E. A. Hamilton, C. W. Caseley, J. S. Smith.

Among the many speakers who have addressed the congregations at Wesley Chapel have been Rev. Northcott, Champaign; Rev. Batchelor, Mattoon, and Rev. Clarence Hall, now representative in the Illinois General Assembly.

The present Sunday School superintendent is Rex Dague.

This society has functioned as a Sunday School practically all of the time since 1892. The present attendance averages 50 each Sunday.



Pleasant Ridge Church

Erected in 1870 and located seven miles northeast of Newman, this church is one of the historical landmarks of the community and has been in use 87 years. The church and grounds are well-preserved for the benefit of our future generations.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School — 10 a. m.

Church At Worship — 11 a. m.

- Jan. 31 — The great war drama "The Volunteers", given by home talent three nights to full houses for the benefit of the band.
- Apr. 13 — Mrs. Joanna Sutton, after teaching 22 years in the Newman schools, has resigned and will retire. It being her 39th birthday her pupils held a party in her honor.
- May 28 — James Barr has secured Ira Mulliken as a partner in his business. Mr. Mulliken is a practical undertaker.
- Sept. 24 — Myers & McCown are building an elevator at McCown station.
- Nov. 11 — William Lough completed the pavement of one block of King street and one block of Yates street and now Newman has two blocks of fine paved street.
- Nov. 13 — Newman played Vermillion Grove football team at Chrisman, score 6-0 in favor of Newman.

A large ice house once stood on what is now a part of U. S. 36, about 40 yards southeast of the Shell Service Station. It had a wooden chute from near the water level to an opening several feet above the floor of the ice house up which the cakes would be pulled after being sawed. It was only during a prolonged severe sub-zero weather that the ice would become thick enough to "harvest." It was never a very successful venture—too many crop failures.

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Written By D. O. Root About 1900

The building that stands just south of the Newman cemetery, and within the limits of the corporate lines of this city, now the property of Samuel Hopkins, was erected in 1857 — the year before Newman was laid out — by the late Isaac Howard, who, at the time owned all, or the part, of the land on which the city now stands.

At this time, the best and in fact, about the only market the people of Brushy Fork, as all this section of country was then called, had anything like near and somewhat easy access to for their stock and grain were the Wabash river towns of Montezuma, Eugene, and Perrysville, some forty miles away. Mr. Howard, having some wheat to market and preferring poplar lumber for the finishing of his new residence, which was when completed the finest on "Brushy", decided to "wagon" his wheat to Perrysville and dispose of it, and bring back from the mills east of the Wabash on the return trip the kind of lumber he desired. So one Monday morning, after harvesting and threshing were over, Mr. Howard got together, of his own and of his neighbors, seven teams with wagons, which were loaded with wheat from his barn known in all this country as Howard's big barn. It stood in what is now White's addition to the city of Newman, in the southern part of the city, and was only a few years ago torn down and removed. By the middle of the forenoon the wagons were all loaded, and pulled out for Perrysville. Mr. H. and his sons "Davy" and "Buck" had each charge of a team. Pat Linn, a wild Irishman, was in command of one, Joseph Howard, our fellow townsman, held the lines of another, the writer hereof was supercargo of the 7th, and the manipulator of the 8th cannot now be called to mind. The train — Mr. H., in the lead — struck out for Hickory Grove, now known as Palermo, and there being no farms or fences in the way, there were no angles, acute or obtuse, in the road or trace, therefore the road was direct to the Grove. From thence the train struck for the Little Vermillion river, near Indianola, then locally known as Dallas, and went into camp for the night, and enjoyed a frugal supper, brought from home, and a quiet sleep upon the ground, under the spreading branches of the forest trees.

The next day, Tuesday, we made Perrysville, disposed of our grain; and as one purpose was to visit the saw mills, in the vicinity of Annapolis, in Parke Co., Ind., we turned down the river and went into camp near old Eugene. The next day, Wednesday, we passed thro' Newport and on to Davis' Ferry, where we crossed over the Wabash in an

old style ferry boat, and made for the hills and mills on Sugar creek, in the vicinity of Annapolis, in good shape that evening. Thursday and Friday were spent in visiting several mills and selecting the kinds of lumber wanted; and by Friday evening were ready for the return trip, having succeeded in getting our wagons all loaded with a choice lot of poplar lumber that entered into the construction of the building mentioned at the beginning of this article.

Saturday morning the return trip was begun, and recrossing the Wabash at the same place crossed in going, we made Ridge Farm, then a mere hamlet, of less than a half dozen houses, and stopped at a farm house at the out edge of the little straggling rudiments, if you will allow the expression here, of the present thriving village of that name, that evening. The next day being the holy Sabbath, and not wishing to desecrate the day as it is done in these days we remained over and finished our

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trip on Monday the eighth day in the evening. This is not an exaggerated statement nor an extreme case of the manner of marketing grain and procuring building material for buildings other than those constructed of logs from the native forest and covered by the home made clapboards in the pioneer days of forty and fifty years ago. In fact trips of a similar nature had been made just previous to this to Chicago with grain and produce and exchanged for articles as were needed by the pioneers and yet some say the former days were the better ones.

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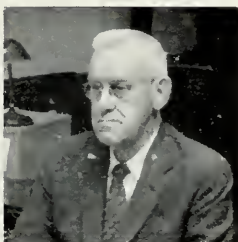
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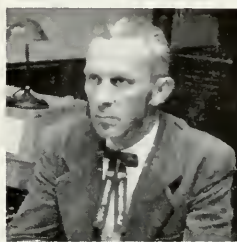
First State Bank of Newman

Newman, Douglas County, Illinois



EDGAR MORROW

President



KENT MORROW

Cashier

The First State Bank of Newman was issued a permit to organize in May 1912 and opened for business Sept. 12, 1912.

The first officers of the Bank were Thomas Shaw, president, W. R. Hidy, cashier. Mr. Hidy remained with the bank a short time, and was replaced by George Frame as cashier in 1913. He continued as cashier until January 1921 when he was elected president. At that time, Edgar Morrow was elected cashier. No change was made in the officers in the bank until the death of Mr. Frame, which occurred in 1940. At that time, Mrs. Elizabeth Frame was elected president, which office she held until her death in 1944.

At the next annual meeting of the directors of the bank, Mrs. Susie H. Morrow was elected president. Following Kent Morrow's return from service in the Navy, the officers were as follows: Edgar Morrow, president, Susie H. Morrow, vice president, Kent Morrow, cashier.

Through the years, the bank has maintained a consistent loan policy geared to the needs of the community. It has

had a steady growth in assets. The bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, The American Bankers Association and the Illinois Bankers Association.

The bank at the present time has, in addition to the above mentioned officers, Albert M. Johnson, assistant cashier. Mr. Johnson came to the bank in 1937 upon the resignation of Arthur E. Parr, who had been with the bank five years. Max Harbaugh is teller, Bonnie Eastin Trimble and Janet Compton Branch are bookkeepers.

The present directors of the bank are Edgar Morrow, Kent Morrow, Susie H. Morrow, A. M. Johnson and Louise H. Smith.

Other employees of the bank over the years have been Louise Hildreth Smith, Morris Swan, Paul Wiese, Constance Purdue McCown, Francis Wright McMullen, Jean Biddle Wiese, Betty Hinds Chandler, Louise Powers Edens, Ann McIntyre Trimble, Donna Lawrence Biddle, Ann Buntain Davis.

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BRICK BUILDINGS

The first brick store room in Newman was built by L. J. and S. C. Cash in 1873. It is now occupied by Lloyd's of Newman, a furniture and home furnishings store. Mr. S. C. Cash also built the first brick dwelling house in Newman.

The next brick room was built by I. W. Burgett in 1875. It was first occupied by the Gillogly store and later by Root Bros. Mack Hollowell's Grocery has been there for the last 35 years.

The Masonic building was built in 1875. The three adjoining rooms were built at that time.

The building now occupied by Barr & Son was built shortly after 1890 by Ellsberry Prewer and was first used by him for a meat market. The room now occupied by Toppe Plumbing was built at the same time by T. W. Swigart for his harness business.

The bakery building, now Culton's market, was erected in 1884. So was the building next door.

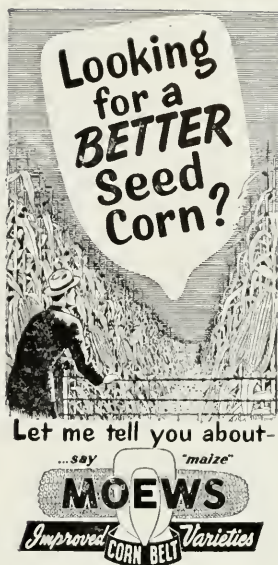
George White built a store room for his implement business on Railroad street in 1890. The I.O.O.F. building adjoining was built in 1892.

The buildings now used by the Shephard Motor Co. at "Coon's Corner" were built about 1905.

The City Hotel was built in 1886 by A. W. Gwinn.

VETERANS OF EARLY WARS

There are five veterans of the War with Mexico buried in Newman township cemeteries—John Howell, William King, S. R. Metcalf, James Jackson and W. A. Smith. There are also two veterans of the Blackhawk War, E. J. Howell and John Skinner.



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Newman Memorial Park

In 1921, a group of business men of the City of Newman conceived the idea that a community park would make a fitting memorial to the service men who had given their lives for their country in World War I. Accordingly, a canvass for funds was made in the Fall and Winter of 1921 and a sufficient amount of money was pledged to justify the purchase of 30 acres of land adjoining the City of Newman on the Southeast. A board of trustees consisting of five members was selected at a public meeting held in the Presbyterian church, and the new board was empowered to complete the purchase of the land and to provide rules for the operation of the park.

In January 1922, the park was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as the Newman Memorial Park Association. The purchase was completed on Feb. 27, 1922, and the park thus became an actuality. However, the funds raised were not sufficient to defray the entire purchase price and a first mortgage was outstanding on the 30 acre tract, so the trustees decided to sell that part of the land lying east of Brushy Fork creek, pay off the mortgage, and use the surplus funds for improvements.

This was done and a small shelter house was erected and entrance gates were built, and a drive was constructed through the center of the park. So the community had a park site of about 13 acres, partially improved, well located, with some scenic value, but with no operating fund and no income. Thus it became necessary for the trustees to rent the park as pasture land to obtain money enough to keep the fences repaired.

This condition existed until 1946 when the Board of

Trustees resigned in favor of a new board composed entirely of members of the American Legion. While the new board was composed entirely of American Legion members, it was to be definitely understood that the park was not to be known as the American Legion Park, but was to retain its original name and was to be operated for the benefit and use of the entire community.

In 1949, a firm of planning engineers was employed to prepare a long range plan for the development of the park into a desirable recreation area. The plan provided for the addition of proposed facilities as funds became available. The park board proceeded slowly to avoid mistakes and to be sure that the added facilities were properly spaced to withstand years of constant use by the public without the necessity of relocation. The facilities proposed to be installed were: A number of picnic areas with tables and fireplaces, a larger shelter house and cabin, a tots' playground with proper amusement devices, a council-ring for use on teen-age groups and their instructors, tennis courts, F.F.A and 4-H pavilion and arena, a lighted baseball field, sufficient parking areas, and others that were then under consideration. The entire cost of the installation and lighting of the baseball diamond was underwritten by the local post of the American Legion and construction was immediately begun and later completed.

As the park board had no source of revenue, it became evident that if the plan was to be continued, the funds must be supplied by the public spirited citizens. A canvass for funds was made and several hundred dollars was raised which was applied to the improvement of the park according to plan. However, the funds were soon exhausted and the trustees decided that they should attempt to form a park district, which would insure a small definite amount of money each year. Therefore, a petition was

First Church of God

Several years ago, the Lord gave Sister Daisy Kirchner a vision of a work He wanted started in Newman so she began distributing religious tracts and copies of the Gospel Trumpet and visiting and praying with the sick. Then she and Sister Bertha Rowen, who had been friends through many years, took God at His word and launched out to win souls for Christ.

Brother and Sister Kirchner opened up their home for services and the first one was held on Mar. 27, 1949, with the Reverend Merle Culbertson preaching. In a short time, he moved to Mississippi to take a pastorate there and the Reverend Miss Mildred Edens assumed the responsibility as minister of the group here in Newman, preaching her first sermon Apr. 24 of the same year.

At first, she came only once a month and later, as the interest increased, the services were held weekly. When Miss Edens would be away in evangelistic meetings, she would engage one of the following ministers: Claude Ashby, Charleston, Miss Norma Lacey, Homer, E. L. Kernodle, Tuscola, or H. W. Harris, Danville, to preach in her absence.

In June 1952, we had a cottage revival with the Rev. W. C. White, Hammond, Ind., as evangelist. Several were saved, sanctified and baptized during that meeting. In August of the same year, we borrowed the State Tent from the Evangelistic Board and had a tent meeting in the city park. From the tent, we moved into a building north of the railroad owned by Mrs. Maude Roller. We were there one year when in August 1953, we bought the building across from the city park from Carroll Pinnell and his sister, Mrs. Bruce Ballard. We were so happy to be in our own building and God began blessing in a



greater measure. The Reverend J. G. Lay, Missouri, The Gospel Trio, Flemingsburg, Ky., and Brother and Sister Harrington were among our evangelists.

In October 1955, we purchased the Daisy A. Wiese property which we now occupy on South Broadway. We are very grateful to God that after much praying and sacrificing, this adequate building has been made possible for us. Much inside work has been done in preparing a sanctuary and other improvements. The building is large with plenty of Sunday School rooms and a seven-room upstairs apartment for the pastor. After seven years of service with the church here, the pastor, now Mrs. Mildred Edens Pruitt, is grateful for the blessings of God upon their services, and the sweet spirit of fellowship that exists between them and all God's people.



BRUSHY FORK CREEK ... east of Newman.

circulated and later filed with the county judge, requesting that he set a date for an election to determine whether or not a park district should be formed. The election date was set for Oct. 4, 1952, and the proposition was defeated 356-292.

Since the park was partially re-developed it has been used by hundreds of small groups of picnic parties, and by scores of those for the purpose of family reunions. The tots' playground is in continuous use during suitable weather. The shelter house is available for use of large groups and reunions, being equipped with lights and water. A show-ring has been completed for use of horse shows and rodeos. The park board recently purchased 500 hardwood trees and 500 evergreen seedlings for re-forestation of the area and this work will be completed when the trees are of sufficient size for re-planting.

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In September of 1864, James and Jane McIntyre moved to this township from Ontario. Of their 12 children, three sons had preceded them here by a few months and had begun to build their house (the one where Don McIntyre now lives). Two more of intermediate age set off from their Canadian home driving a team to a wagon and leading some extra horses. Jane came on an Illinois Central train with six younger children. Having borrowed a wagon (maybe it was a spring wagon) one of the sons already here met his mother and the children in Tuscola and brought them home. You will find this hard to believe, but it is true. They met the boys arriving in the wagon on the corner one-half mile south of the new home — and all drove in together. Grandfather McIntyre did not share in this reunion. He had missed the train in Chicago.

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Jones History

In memory of Ephraim Jones (1860-1937) and Mary Ellen Surrell (1867-1948), who were married Feb. 22, 1885, at Tuscola, Ill. They were the parents of Florence George of Chrisman, Lida Taylor of Newman, Blanche Chapin (deceased) of California, Madge Brown of California, Edna Brannon of Hume and Gladys Payne of Newman.

Mr. Jones, the son of John Jones and Mariah Hopkins, was born near Newman. He was engaged in farming and stock raising until a few years before his death. His great-grandfather, Henry Clark, fought in the Revolutionary war. He owned Wheeling Island, on which he built a fort, called Ft. Henry. He became Washington's orderly sergeant and did all the writing for the division. He went through 14 battles, being severely wounded in the Battle of Brandywine in 1777.

Another ancestor, Stephen Hopkins, was elected governor of Rhode Island nine times and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was a man of literary and scientific interest, despite his lack of formal education. He was the first chancellor of Rhode Island College.

Mr. Jones loved to tell of happenings of childhood days and those told to him by his parents. Some were very unusual, such as the "sudden freeze" on Dec. 20, 1836.

Cattle, horses, hogs and wild animals exposed to its fury were chilled and many frozen in their tracks. One man was found afterwards standing frozen in the mud, dead and still holding the reins of his frozen horse in his hand. Also about the "meteoric shower" reported to have occurred over the entire United States. Many thought the world had come to an end.

Mrs. Jones, daughter of William and Margaret Surrell, born in Terre Haute, Ind., was a direct descendant of James Dudley, who settled near what is now Ashmore, Ill., in 1826. To trace the genealogy of the Dudleys it would be necessary to go back to Dudley Castle, Stratfordshire, England, and begin with Earl of Dudley, following through a long line of nobles, dukes, earls, barons, etc. One of the most powerful was Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, who figured conspicuously during the reign of Elizabeth, Queen of England. The first to come to America was Thomas Dudley, governor of the province of Massachusetts Bay. Many of his descendants held prominent positions in the early history of the country.

The Jones homestead is located one and one-half miles southwest of Newman and has been in the Hopkins and Jones family for over 100 years. It is now owned and occupied by the youngest daughter, Gladys.

The Albin Family



ROBERT

Robert Albin (1811-1890), the son of Samuel and Sarah Albin of Pickaway County, Ohio, and later of Newport, Indiana, came to the area of Illinois later to be known as the Newman community, about 1840. At this time, he purchased a tract of land located three miles southwest of the present site of Newman near Brushy Fork creek and established a home. In the following decade, he increased his holdings by obtaining the grants to adjoining land from the U. S. Government.

Mr. Albin was a progressive citizen of this community. He purchased two lots in Newman in 1857 when the town was founded. In the same year, he purchased stock in the Illinois and Indiana Railroad Co., which was organized



NANCY

to build a railroad through Central Illinois. He was a charter member of the Newman Masonic Lodge, No. 369, AF&AM.

His first marriage was to Lillie Coleman, to which three children were born. In 1830, following the death of his first wife, Lillie, he was married to Nancy Lawrence (1831-1896), from which union Sanford N., William Lowe, Rose and Alfred C. were born.

Rose was married to George Gillogly. To this union, one daughter was born, Edith Nowatski, now living in River-ton, Illinois. Lowe was married to Fannie Sarrell and spent his life in Colorado and California.



SANFORD



ELLA

Sanford N. Albin, the oldest son of Robert and Nancy, was born July 9, 1831. He attended the Hopkins school and later taught two years. Mar. 12, 1889, he married Ella Turbeyville, the daughter of William and Lydia Turbeyville, who lived two miles southwest of Newman.

Sanford and Ella made their home a mile south of his birthplace. After a few years, they moved the house one-fourth mile northeast to its present location in order to live on a public road.

He continued to farm until 1918, at which time he retired and moved to Newman, where he lived until his death in 1949. His wife preceded him in death in 1921. Mr. Albin was a member of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, which he attended regularly. He acquired a large amount of real estate, which consisted of farm land near Newman, business houses and homes in Newman. Five children were born to this union, Zuba Clark, Maude Boyer, Lela Allen, Emerson R., and Leonard B.



Alfred



Dovie

Alfred C. Albin, the youngest son of the Robert Albins, was born May 11, 1839. He spent his early life on a farm. He married Dove Josseland, a neighbor, Sept. 1, 1891. He went to housekeeping on a farm less than a mile from his birthplace. He farmed until 1902, when they moved to Newman. He was interested in real estate and oil and persisted in his determination to find black gold until he discovered valuable oil land in Eastern Kentucky.

After selling his oil interest, he invested in farm land around Newman. In 1933, he purchased the Newman cheese factory, which he operated until his death in 1936. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Albin was a past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star Lodge and also a member of the Methodist church. She died Aug. 10, 1946.

To this union, four daughters were born, Faye Ives, Rhea Hilliard, Verdi Wattam and Cordelia Albin.

Barr & Son

Over Three Quarters of a Century

The name of Barr has been connected with the business life of Newman for 78 consecutive years. James Barr came to Newman from Kansas, Ill., in 1879 with his brother, W. W. Barr. In 1880, he bought his brother's interest and became the sole owner. Two years later he entered into partnership with Ed Dowden and the firm became Barr & Dowden. After the retirement of Mr. Dowden, Mr. W. T. Summers became a partner in 1890 and the firm was known as Barr & Summers until 1893. In 1896, Mr. I. M. Mulliken bought a half interest and the firm then became Barr & Mulliken. They operated two stores in Newman at that time, one dealing in hardware, stoves and tinware and the other furniture and under-

taking.

In 1905, the business was separated, Mr. Mulliken taking over the furniture and undertaking business and Mr. Barr, with his son, Clayton C. Barr, took over the hardware and added the undertaking business. This was the beginning of the firm of Barr & Son and continues until today, over half a century later. It is now owned by Mrs. Grace N. Barr and operated by her son, George N. Barr, William B. McGaughey and Zane Arbuckle.

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Please call and examine our goods and prices, and you will surely seek no further.



AMONG THE BEST—Often referred to as the "best", this Newman football team operated with amazing success during the season of 1913. Front row—Arthur Parr, Everett Akers, H. B. Smith, Second row—Rex Tyler, Kenneth Pound, Don Smith,

Frank Ogden, Truman Dennis, Magnus Kyde. Third row—E. O. May, Walter McCown, Ross Winkler, Henkle Gegg, Ray Tresenriter, Forrest McCown, Edwin Meyers, Don McIntyre, Coach Harrison McCown



Newman Chapter No. 172, Royal Arch Masons, was originally chartered in Camargo, Illinois, but on October 6, 1876, the charter was moved to Newman. The Royal Arch Chapter, representing some of the higher degrees in Masonry, has been active and has drawn its membership from Newman Lodge and nearby Masonic lodges.

The present officers — Lloyd Boyer, High Priest; Dan McIntyre, King; Angus Hopkins, Scribe; William C. Booton, Secretary; Edgar Morrow, Treasurer.

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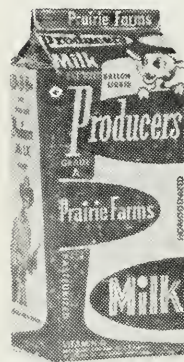
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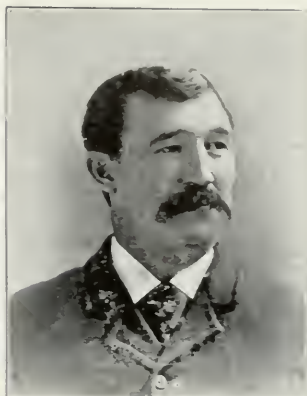
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ROBERT RUTHERFORD



CYRUS RUTHERFORD



THOMAS RUTHERFORD

Three Rutherford Brothers In Early Newman

Hiram Rutherford, M. D., was born in Pennsylvania in 1815 and died in Oakland, Ill., in 1900. He was descended from Thomas Rutherford and Jean Murdah, both born in Ireland, and married in Pennsylvania in 1730. He arrived at Oakland in December 1840. Dr. Rutherford was married twice and had ten children, all born in Oakland. The three oldest sons of the second marriage, Robert, Cyrus and Thomas were identified with early days in Newman and vicinity.

Robert Rutherford was born Apr. 6, 1849, and died in a Chicago hospital May 28, 1903. In 1871, he was married to Miss Mary F. Valodin, born east of Oakland Dec. 16, 1851, and died in Chicago Oct. 10, 1931. They first lived on the farmstead where their son, Burt, lives now, and where he was born. About 1880, they removed to Oakland, and about 1882 or 1883 they removed to Newman. Here Robert and L. A. Timmons operated Newman's first tile factory, located where the water tower now stands. Later on, Robert re-engaged in farming and continued in that occupation until his death, the last location being where he began farming.

Robert and Mary were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are deceased: Mrs. Bertha V. Henderson, John M., Harriet Agnes, Ada, Robert Jr., Marie and Jean M. Four sons survive: Burt, Broadlands; Paul V., Frankfort, Ky.; Charles M., Chicago; Wilson H., Alhambra, Calif.

Cyrus Rutherford, M. D., was born Aug. 14, 1850, and died May 2, 1937. In 1835, he was married to Miss Mary E. McIntyre, born in Canada Mar. 10, 1853, and died July 29, 1943. Her parents were born in Scotland, married in Canada in 1835 and moved to Newman township in 1834.

Dr. Rutherford began practice in Oakland, but believing there were better prospects in the prairie lands to the north, he removed to Newman Sept. 28, 1877. He speedily attracted a lucrative practice and retained the confidence of his patrons until his retirement about 1910.

The Doctor took keen interest in Newman's community affairs. He was president of the Board of Education for 30 years or more, and provided wise leadership in establishing the Newman Township High School in 1910. He, with R. Thomas, platted the new cemetery about 1890; the first burial there was in 1891. He was the city's first mayor and was re-elected several times. While in that office, there arose agitation for concrete sidewalks. He heard of the cement work at the Soldiers and Sailors

monument in Indianapolis, and after personal inspection, being impressed by the evidence of superior materials and workmanship, invited the contractor, Stephen Jones, to visit Newman. "Steve" spent the remainder of his active life here. Newman's concrete walks attest an enduring monument to Dr. Rutherford's interest in the welfare of Newman.

Doctor and Mary Rutherford were the parents of three children. A son died shortly after birth. Two daughters survive: Mrs. Eugenia R. Nichols, Tuscola, and Mrs. Florence Atherton, Bloomington, Ill.

Thomas Rutherford was born Jan. 16, 1853, and died in an Indianapolis hospital May 25, 1922. In 1874, he was married to Miss Sarah R. Zimmerman, born near the St. Omer neighborhood south of Oakland Aug. 16, 1855, and died Jan. 1, 1943. In the Spring of 1875, they moved to the farmstead where their grandson, Robert B. Armstrong and his family reside.

The farm was very swampy. Copious Spring rains, like in 1957, could be expected every year and water stood on the surface until mid-summer or later. The water problem was attacked in the 1880's and was gradually corrected. During this period, Thomas served as a Township Commissioner and was influential in obtaining drainage. Roads were slow to dry out after rains. This condition required correction. The first step was to raise the grade of the roadbed and provide roadside ditches; later hard surfacing was done on roads with heavy traffic. Thomas was among the leaders to secure improved highways.

Mr. Rutherford was Township Supervisor for several terms and mayor of Newman for a term. In 1900, the family moved from the farm to town, occupying the premises where their son, Hiram Brown, lives.

Thomas and Sarah were the parents of four children. Bessie died in 1885 and Mrs. Kate R. Armstrong in 1949. An elder son, Cyrus W., M. D., lives in Indianapolis.

Two of Dr. Hiram Rutherford's descendants live in Newman Township — Burt in the rural area and Brown in the city.

In closing this page, filial tribute is due the spouses of these three Rutherford brothers. Each was endowed with a superior quality of character, and their friendship was esteemed by everyone who knew them. To each, a sprig of Rosemary — that's for remembrance.

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Douglas County Farm Bureau

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American Legion Auxiliary

The Auxiliary Unit of the Stanton Burgett American Legion Post was organized about two years after the Legion Post, itself, was established and was proposed at a mass meeting and tea to which the Legionnaires invited the eligible women of the community.

Final decision on the organization was made at a meeting called by Mrs. M. S. Smith on Oct. 5, 1921, at which 19 prospective members signed the application for a charter. Mrs. Smith was named acting president and Mrs. E. O. Swickard, acting secretary.

On May 6, 1922, the first permanent officers were elected and the official charter signed by the following members: Mrs. Ralph Bender, Mrs. Mae Bender, Mrs. Harris Beck, Mrs. Charles Burgett, Mrs. Scott Burgett, Mrs. Carl Burgett, Miss Ethel Catron, Mrs. Anna Goodson, Mrs. Enoch Gordon, Mrs. R. C. Gillogly, Mrs. Luititia Gregg, Mrs. Enoch Hooe, Mrs. Ferrell McAnally, Mrs. A. C. McIntyre, Mrs. Julius McKnight, Mrs. Ray McLain, Mrs. Arthur Parr, Mrs. H. O. Sollers, Mrs. Thomas Rutherford, Mrs. Cyrus Rutherford, Miss Eugenia Rutherford, Miss Sue Smith, Miss Harriett Smith, Miss Martha Smith, Mrs. M. S. Smith, Mrs. Earl Swickard, Mrs. George Tresenriter, Mrs. James Talbott, Mrs. Lula Vandine, Mrs. Dave Wells, Mrs. Harvey E. Winkler, Mrs. Luther Winkler, Mrs. W. M. Young, Mrs. Dwight Wagner, Mrs. Paul Sollers.

Mrs. Carl S. Burgett, whose son, Stanton, was killed in World War I and for whom the American Legion Post was named, was elected the first president of the Auxiliary Unit.

Throughout its history, the Newman Auxiliary has emphasized cooperation in the national organization's programs of community and humanitarian services.

Rehabilitation of war veterans, service to hospitalized veterans and general welfare programs have characterized the unit's policies.

Poppy Day, the national promotion designed to keep attention focused on the need of disabled veterans and to assist them financially, was first observed in Newman in 1934 and has been conscientiously promoted each year since.

The Newman Unit has sponsored a delegate to Girls State since that activity was inaugurated in 1939 and previously cooperated in sending delegates to Boys State.

Traditional services of the Auxiliary are reflected in current rehabilitation programs which include regular visits to hospital wards at Danville, regular contributions of cigarettes and candy to hospitalized Newman veterans and participation in other such activities as suggested by the national and state organizations.

During its history, the Newman Unit has been represented by various members who served as district officers and chairmen. The late Mrs. E. O. Swickard held the office of district director.

Until 1949, meetings of the Newman Auxiliary Unit were held in members' homes. In February, 1949, the unit was presented a key to the present Legion Home.

Newman Cemetery

Newman Cemetery was laid out in 1890 by Dr. Cyrus Rutherford and Ruben Thomas. At that time, the two north sections were plotted and tiled. A survey was made by Mr. Thomas and the corners of the lots were marked with wooden stakes. It was not until later that the two south sections of the cemetery were plotted.

From the time of plotting until 1923, Dr. Rutherford and Mr. Thomas operated the cemetery as a private burial ground. The first burial in the cemetery was a baby, buried March 23, 1890. There is a small stone at the grave marked Baby Cook. The baby was the child of Sherman Cook and wife. The plot of ground where the cemetery is located had been in corn the year before and the stalks were still standing when the burial was made.

In 1921, several citizens approached Dr. Rutherford and the heirs of Ruben Thomas with a proposal to incorporate the cemetery and operate it as a public cemetery under control of a board of trustees. It was agreed to turn over the unused portion of the cemetery to such an organization and within a short time, the matter was closed.

The first trustees of the Newman Cemetery Association were Guy Nicholson, C. C. Barr, Mrs. Fannie Pounds, Scott Burgett, Mrs. Lulu VanDyne, Mrs. Mary Routledge and Edgar Morrow.

Numerous improvements have been made. Drives have been constructed, all curbing around lots removed, the aisle filled to make a level appearance, a new tool house constructed from the curbing materials, a water supply installed and new fences and hedges put in place. For a time, money was taken from the sale of lots and placed in a permanent upkeep fund to maintain the cemetery. This fund has been augmented by gifts from individuals from time to time and there is now in that fund \$9150.00. The income is all that is used so that the amount remains as a permanent endowment.

In 1951, a proposition was submitted to a vote to turn the physical part of the cemetery over to the Township of Newman to be maintained by a tax. This was approved and the maintenance of the cemetery now rests with a board of trustees elected on a non-partisan basis at the general township election held each odd-numbered year. All the income from the permanent upkeep fund is turned over to the Newman Township Cemetery Trustees to be used for upkeep of the cemetery.

In 1953, an addition was made to the cemetery through generous gifts of citizens of the community. The original ground in the cemetery has all been disposed of and lots are all plotted and water mains laid in the new addition.

The present trustees of Newman Township Cemeteries are Edgar Young, George L. Akers Sr. and Edgar Morrow. The Fairfield Cemetery and the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery are all under township care, under the direction of the above mentioned trustees.

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The Ridge

Geologists who study the science of the constitution and structure of the earth and its development say: "The Ridge was created millions of years ago by glaciers which once covered the northern half of Illinois."

What we call "The Ridge" is really the southern boundary line of a wide belt of higher ground, or slightly elevated plateau, called the "Savoy Ridge" on topographical surveys; which extends in a westerly direction from the Wabash River across East Central Illinois. This southern crest has a meandering east-west course, the eastern end being in the vicinity of Newport and Cayuga, Ind. On a map, a line drawn through Ridgefarm, Indianola, Hildreth, Palermo and across Douglas county about two or three miles south of the Champaign-Douglas county line will give its approximate location.

In 1939, a party of government surveyors placed a metal marker at ground level at the top of a concrete base approximately 50 feet south of the northwest corner of the city park. This bears an inscription which says the marker is "645 feet above sea level". The exact figures are not available but it is definitely known that the high ground of the Ridge is over 700 feet above sea level. At the crest the view to the north is restricted but to the south may be seen thousands and thousands of acres which, a century ago, were "swamp-lands".

There is nothing to indicate that the Indians had regularly used trails on the Ridge before the coming of the white man, although it offered a route to by-pass the

swamps and an occasional grove of trees; there were no springs and very few streams of running water.

A few of the very earliest settlers found a small Indian village near Hugo and a great many arrowheads, stone axes and other things at different places along the Embarrass river, but where they came from or where they went is not known.

A bronze tablet affixed to a huge stone marker at the highway crossroads in Palermo reads: "Near here on July 18, 1765, Colonel George Groghan, Deputy Superintendent for the British Government, made a preliminary Treaty of Peace with Pontiac, Chief of the Ottawa and leader of the great Indian Confederacy. By the terms of that agreement, the allegiance of the Indians was transferred from the French to the English. This secured the Eastern Mississippi Valley for Anglo-Saxon civilization". Also on this tablet is: "The intersection of the Fort Harrison (Terre Haute), Fort Clark (Peoria) and Kaskaskia-Detroit Trails was in this vicinity".

Shortly after settlers began arriving and establishing homes along the Brushy Fork creek, others started to take up land on the Ridge, gradually flowing westward from Perrysville, Eugene and Newport, which were landings on the Wabash. An early road, or "trace", followed the high ground and connected with these places. Settlers along the Brushy Fork also found it a convenient route to the Wabash. Eugene seems to have been the favorite shipping point by flatboat, or for milling and supplies, and it was then a thriving and growing town. However, when the railroads came, they by-passed Eugene and it "withered on the vine" and is now just a small tumble-down spot about a mile northwest of Cayuga, Ind.

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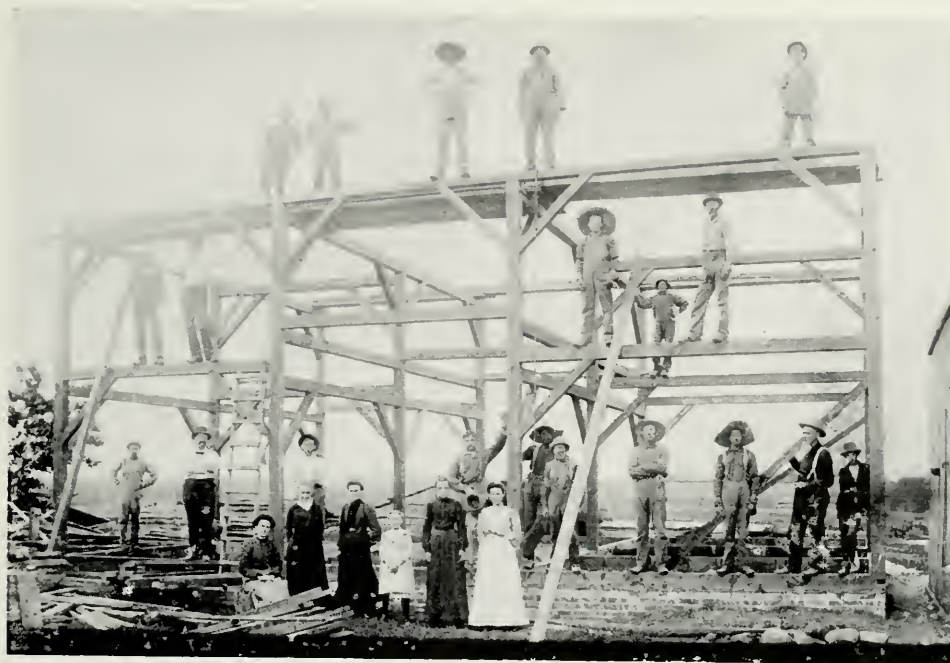


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Stanton Burgett American Legion Post

The American Legion, largest organization of war veterans in history, was born at a caucus of the first American Expeditionary Force in Paris, France, March 15-17, 1919. Today it includes more combat veterans, more disabled veterans, more winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor and other decorations, than all other veterans organizations combined.

The history of the American Legion has been one of devotion to God and Country. It was at a caucus in St. Louis, Mo., on May 6, 1919, that the permanent outline for the American Legion was formed and the immortalized Preamble put into its final form. Any doubts as to the character and politics of the new organization were at once dispelled by this preamble, which appears on the reverse side of every American Legion membership card, and which is repeated at the opening of every American Legion meeting. The preamble is as follows:

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

"To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism;

"To preserve the memories and incidents of our as-

sociations in the Great Wars;

"To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State, and Nation;

"To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

"To make right the master of might; To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

"To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

The application of Stanton Burgett Post No. 201 for a charter was filed on Sept. 24, 1919, and was signed by the following charter members: John Bloss, Charles C. Burgett, Albert Brewer, Carlos Brewer, Robert F. Cotton, William R. Cooksey, Elmer Duvall, Howard Duvall, John H. Ford, Raymond C. Gillogly, Andrew D. Goodson, William R. Miller, George E. Nichols, Cyrus W. Rutherford, Emerson C. Springer, Norman Senters, Paul E. Sollers, Hughes Blake Smith, Earl O. Swickard, Ray K. Wells, Maurice Young.

Since the organization of Stanton Burgett Post No. 201 there has been no other organization in Newman that has taken more interest in the development and betterment of the community. It was largely through the interest taken, and the money donated by Stanton Burgett Post No. 201, that the Newman Memorial Park was re-developed and made available to the community as a recreation area for all age groups. The American Legion has invested well over \$3000 in the development of the ball diamond, in-

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stalling lights and water in the park, and improving other facilities. The American Legion organized the first Boy Scout troop in the community; has sponsored a Junior League baseball team; sponsored various types of youth organizations; and has contributed materially toward supervised recreation during the summer months; and each year since its inception has sponsored one or more boys at Boys' State in Springfield, Ill. The local post has furnished the city some of its mayors, aldermen, treasurers, clerks, as well as township officials and members of the General Assembly.

Stanton Burgett Post No. 201, The American Legion, is justly proud of the part it has played in making Newman and the surrounding area a better place in which to live and raise families; and each year contributes time, money and effort to all worthy causes. The space allotted does not permit going into detail of the many and varied activities in which the post has participated for the improvement of the community. The post meeting hall has, at all times, been open to all worthy organizations as a meeting place.

Below is given a list of Post Commanders and Adjutants since organization in 1919.

Year	Commander	Adjutant	Membership
1919-20	Dr. C.W. Rutherford	Robert F. Cotton	36
1921	Earl O. Swickard	Chas. C. Burgett	61
1922	Ross Winkler	Chas. C. Burgett	42
1923	Don C. Smith	Chas. C. Burgett	37
1924	Dr. H. I. Conn	H. B. Smith	45
1925	Harmon Gregg	Chas. E. Confer	38
1926	Chas. C. Burgett	Ralph Underwood	40
1927	A. E. Parr	Chas. E. Confer	43
1928	Chas. E. Confer	Chas. C. Burgett	31
1929	M. L. McDermott	A. E. Parr	47
1930	Boyd O. Bane	John Goodson	51
1931	John R. Goodson	E. O. Swickard	65
1932	Roy Harvey	E. O. Swickard	43
1933	Dr. R. C. Gillogly	Chas. C. Burgett	20
1934	H. B. Smith	A. E. Parr	20
1935	Paul E. Sollers	A. E. Parr	25
1936	Harvey E. Winkler	E. O. Swickard	34
1937	Everett Atchley	J. R. Goodson	27
1938	Richard F. Shephard	E. O. Swickard	38
1939	J. H. McIntyre	J. R. Goodson	45
1940	Wm. Warters	A. M. Johnson	32
1941	Rex Green	A. M. Johnson	28
1942	Forrest McCown	Chas. C. Burgett	30
1943	Forrest McCown	Chas. C. Burgett	26
1944	Arthur Ambler	Chas. C. Burgett	26
1945	Dr. C. K. Ross	A. M. Johnson	37
1946	F. K. Shephard	Chas. C. Burgett	128
1947	J. E. Davis (acting)	John E. Pollock	144
1948	John E. Pollock	Kendall Davis	159
1949	Robt. C. Holt	Kendall Davis	172
1950	Curtis Hooe	Winfield C. Dennis	189
1951	Winfield C. Dennis	Orville Sinclair	189
1952	Ronnie Harbaugh	Orville Sinclair	173
1953	Max Martin	Will H. Forsythe	175
1954	Duane Cornwell	Winfield C. Dennis	180
1955	Kenneth Goby	Winfield C. Dennis	193
1956	Billie Hopkins	Arthur Leeth	194
1957	Roy Gibson	Arthur Leeth	205

In memory of our father, Charles C. Burgett, and our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Burgett and Mrs. Mary L. Routledge, who not alone spent their lives in Newman, but rather invested their lives to such purpose that we who follow hold a rich heritage of pride in them and in the community they helped to build.

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Mrs. M. J. Page

Many people now living in Newman do not even know the name, Mary Jane Page, but no history of the town would be complete without some recognition of her influence on the community. She came to the Ridge to live in 1865. She moved to Newman in 1882 and lived here until her death in 1925. Her father was a minister in upper New York and she grew up with cultural and educational advantages not common to those living in the average pioneer settlement. But when she came to ours, it reaped the benefit of them as well as of her many abilities, her love of people and devotion to the places where she spent the greater part of her life — Newman. She had musical ability, was a capable public speaker and could write well. Her influence on the growing community was always on the side of what would be for its good.

The historical committee for the Centennial has dipped into those writings to its very great benefit, and wishes to quote from her obituary in *The Independent*: "She was a woman of heroic mold." In our own words, "She was a great lady who lived in our little town."

Getting from one section of the country to another must have given the pioneers time for long, deep thoughts. As in the case of Brown Rutherford's grandfather, Dr. Hiram Rutherford who, when just graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, rode horseback from Harrisburg to Oakland, Ill. Maybe that is why so many of those people made such good citizens once they got here. None ever seemed to need tranquilizer pills.

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Newman Eastern Star

Newman Chapter U. D. Order of the Eastern Star was organized on July 17, 1894, at 2:00 p. m. at the Masonic Hall, under the direction of W. C. Kenner and Harry Madison and wife of Tuscola, with a charter of 29 members.

The second meeting concerned the Constitution, Laws, Initiation, and set the time of meetings to the first and third Monday nights. At the fifth meeting, the time was changed to the second and four Mondays, and still remains.

The visit of the Grand Worthy Matron for the first time was Nettie C. Kenner on September 10, 1894.

Up to date, there have been 45 Worthy Matrons, namely: Mesdames H. L. Gillogly, Nan Barr, Ellen Wagner, M. J. Page, Sarah Nichols, Lillie Kyde, Rose Rutherford, Mrs. Kaiser, Beva Gaines, Jennie Hance, Dovie Albin, Alice Shute, Mabelle Adams, Mary McCown, Faye Baxter, Osa Bacon, Susie Morrow, Rae Winkler, Aileen Burgett, Martha Shephard, Mildred Kincaid, Grace Reed, Alice Lawrence, Irene VanVickle, Ethel Purdue, Iva Zachary, Adda Ringer, Virginia Davis, Ruth Ellsberry, Sylvia Epperson, Cleone Speelman, Maurine Parr, Dorris Pollock, Esther Hopkins, Ann Conn, Dorothea Fenwick, Lucille Smith, Avis Morrow, Lucille Richards, Iris Graham, Cath-

erine Adams, Elizabeth Biddle, Ruby Hendershot, Donna Biddle, and Frances Davidson.

There have been 26 Worthy Patrons: I. N. Covert, T. Sidenstricker, Charles McIntyre, Frank Page, Fred White, John Kyde, Harry Baxter, John Ellington, Bert Adams, Charles Burgett, Arthur Parr, Ervin Kincaid, Manford Roller, Orville McCoy, Angus Hopkins, Dr. H. I. Conn, Charles Reed, Lowell Smith, Charles Highley, Shelton Allen, Velvin Graham, Loren Biddle, Kenneth Kincaid, Dean McCumber, Everette Biddle, and Luther Clark.

Mesdames Olive Eversole and Jennie Hance are the sole surviving Charter Members. In 1897, at the regular meeting of the Chapter, on motion, adjourned for recesses, to enjoy fruit from Dr. Wagner's fine orchard and food by the members. The Worthy Matron then called the Chapter to order and proceeded with the business on hand.

At the present time, the Chapter has a membership of 237.

On November 17, 1949, a Past Worthy Matron Club was organized with 24 members.

On January 13, 1952, the Rainbow Girls was organized with 30 members. Sylvia Epperson, Past Worthy Matron, was the first Mother Advisor.

The Josserands of South Prairie



Louis Josserand was born in Serie, France, a small town close to Paris, December 1, 1828. He came to this country with an uncle at the age of thirteen. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a slow sailing ship, being thirty-seven days on the voyage and landing at New York. From there, they went to New Albany, Indiana, but finally settled in Elizabethtown, Indiana.

Mr. Josserand married Miss Emily Potts of Elizabethtown August 12, 1855. In 1856, they came to Illinois, settling on a farm south of Newman in the South Prairie community where they resided until 1902, when they moved to Newman and lived in a small frame house which has now been remodeled and is the home of their granddaughter, Cordelia Albin.

This couple lived to celebrate their seventieth wedding anniversary together. To this union fifteen children were born, three dying in infancy and the following grew to manhood and womanhood on this farm: John, Sarah

(Jones), Caleb, Louis, Albert, Grant, Dovie (Albin), Andrew, Clyde, Maude (Coffey), Paul and Earl. Three are still living, Maude, Earl and Louis (Wibb).

In 1861, Mr. Josserand became a naturalized citizen of the United States. He was one of the first members of the Newman Masonic Lodge.

In 1900 he made a trip to the World Fair in Paris, France, taking two of his boys with him, and visited the scenes of his boyhood days.

Mrs. Emily Potts Josserand was born in Harrison County near New Albany, Indiana, March 25, 1838. Both Mr. and Mrs. Josserand belonged to the Potts United Brethren Church located south of Newman, which was named for her father. When they moved to Newman, they united with the Methodist Church.

Mr. Josserand died in 1925 at the age of 96 years and 7 months. Mrs. Josserand died in 1927 at the age of 89.

Newman's Fires

A Commencement speaker at a recent Newman high school graduation program made the statement, "Death is the greatest boon to progress." In a similar vein it can be said that disastrous fires contribute to the growth and appearance of a town. Such has been the experience of Newman.

As terrible as fires are, many times they destroy much that is useless and when new buildings are built to replace them, they improve the appearance of the town.

Newman has had many of such fires. Perhaps the earliest fire of consequence was in 1876 when the Gillogly Hotel burned. This hotel stood near where the building known locally as the Odd Fellows Building now stands. Another hotel burned about this same time, the date is not available, where the Ocean to Ocean Filling Station now stands. In 1881, the hotel and restaurant owned and operated by General Dragoo burned. This hotel was located at the northeast corner of the public square near the present site of the city hall.

On July 9, 1885, the Ed Cole block burned. The Bates Hotel, the post office and several small buildings were destroyed. This block was located on the East side of Broadway where the Trinkle garage is now. This same location suffered another fire in 1902, when a row of wooden buildings were burned.

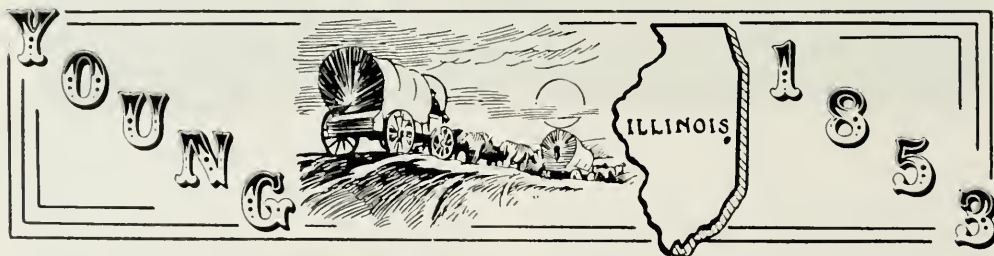
A clipping from the issue of the Newman Independent dated Jan. 19, 1892, reads: Yesterday the old elevator commonly known as the Scamling Elevator, took fire in the top and in 15 minutes the whole building was in

flames. Sixteen carloads of grain were in the structure. The old flour mill and the S. C. Cash residence were in the path of the flames and caught fire, but were quickly extinguished. A humorous note appears in the account — "The clothing of the Methodist minister's wife also caught fire."

On Mar. 23, 1903, one of the most damaging fires ever experienced in Newman occurred. The Newman Independent states: "Fire broke out about midnight in the staging of the Opera House and the entire business block east of Root's store was destroyed. The Rude Hardware Store, The Newman Record (a paper published during that period) the millinery store of Mrs. Emma Calvin, The Newman Bank, and a music store owned by Elmer Dawson were all burned. All the books and papers of the bank were saved but most of the stocks of goods in the other building were lost. The loss will total more than \$40,000." The new two-story buildings on the north side of East Yates street replaced these buildings.

In the winter of 1906, the Maple house, one of Newman's largest hotels, burned. The fire was discovered about 10:00 p. m. but the entire structure was quickly engulfed by flames and the building was a total loss. Immediately following this fire, George O. Moore erected the fine brick building now occupied by Dague's garage.

On Aug. 20, 1920, about the middle of the afternoon, the large elevator just north of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad depot burned. It was, perhaps, as costly a fire as ever occurred in Newman. The property was valued at \$50,000 and it was full of grain. The oats had been purchased for 80c a bushel, the wheat at \$2 per bushel. It was in the height of the threshing season and the building was full. During the preceding week, 10,000 bushels



William Williams Young and Mary Jane Coolley Young came to their new home, four miles north of Newman (where a family centennial was held later), October 9, 1853.

They made the move in two prairie schooners. One was drawn by three yoke of oxen, the other by two, and they led two horses.

Their direct descendants living in the vicinity are:

- Louise McIntyre
- Edgar Berkley Young
- Florence Young (Mrs. Robert F. Cotton)
- William Russell Young
- Virginia Swickard (Mrs. Willard Hagebush)
- William Marion Young
- James Young
- Suzanne Young
- Mary Jane Young
- David Allen Young

of wheat and 2000 bushels of oats had been received. The Fansler blacksmith shop was badly damaged and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad depot was destroyed. Several box cars, some empty and some loaded, were pushed to safety. The present Federal North Iowa elevator now stands on the site.

A large tomato canning factory erected by local people (L. E. Root and Ruben Thomas were the principal owners) burned about 1904. The frame building burned to the ground but the brick engine room escaped damage and was then used to house the first power plant to furnish electricity to the whole city. It operated until the franchise was taken over by the Central Illinois Public Service Co.

Crites canning factory also was a fire casualty. The factory canned sweet corn and furnished employment for a large number of people. It was destroyed by fire just as the 1940 canning season opened.

Numerous homes in the city have burned. The Frank K. Page residence, the James P. Heaton home and many others come to mind.

Although fires have forced newer and better buildings to be erected, that has been only one factor in the downtown development. All the original frame buildings on the west side of Broadway from Green street to Mather street have been replaced by brick structures although no fire ever occurred in these blocks. When they became unfit for use, they were wrecked and new brick buildings erected. The only notable exception is the Dr. Rutherford office, now occupied by the Booton & Hemphill Insurance Agency ... a reminder of what used to be.



MR. DAN THOMAS

Daniel Thomas was born near Allerton, Illinois, on May 23, 1881, the son of Edwin and Elizabeth Thomas. As a young man, Mr. Thomas became very fond of farm life and delighted in growing good corn. He was especially a lover of white seed corn, purebred shorthorn cattle and beautiful horses. As early as 1904, he took first prize and Sweepstakes at the Allerton Show. He continued to take first place and Sweepstakes for 40 years. His knowledge of excellent white open pollinated corn became known all over Illinois and Indiana. He sold seed for years. The University of Illinois recognized his corn as an outstanding variety. Shortly, Purdue University did the same. The University of Illinois named his corn "Thomas White Utility Type Corn". For several years, the University of Illinois had plots on his farm for experimentation.

He married Clara Morris of Newman and they resided on a farm near Newman. His wife passed away ten years later and in 1924 he was married to Miss Emma DeWitt, a specialist in Home Economics Extension work. Mr. Thomas passed away on April 16, 1950.



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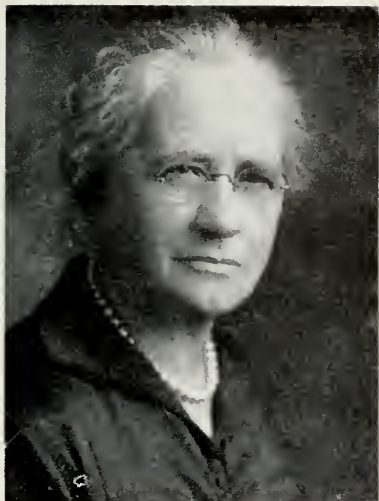
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Luther Winkler

The ancestors of Luther and Semelia Winkler came to America in the latter part of the eighteenth century and, after several migrations covering a period of half a century, established a permanent home in the Brushy Fork area southwest of what is now the city of Newman.

The earliest records reveal that David Winkler, great-grandfather of Luther Winkler, was born in Germany in 1769 and came when quite young to America, settling in North Carolina. There he married Sarah Fair of Irish parentage and it was there that three children were born, one of whom was Joseph, the grandfather of Luther Winkler.

After a few years, they migrated to Kentucky, and later, to Warwick County, Indiana, where they bought and improved a farm. John, the last of eleven children, was born in 1816. David Winkler, the father, died in 1821 and was buried in Indiana.

Sarah Fair Winkler and all of her children came to Brushy Fork creek at an early date. The mother and eight sons entered land along this stream. Sarah died in 1835 and was buried on the land she entered, a part of which is now known as Albin cemetery.

In 1829, Young E. Winkler, one of the sons, came with his family, building a log cabin, the first house in what is now Newman township, ten miles from the nearest neighbor, forty miles from town and mill at Newport on Perryville, Indiana.

Joseph Winkler, another son of David and Sarah, brought his family here in 1831 and built a one room log cabin for the family of ten. In November and December of 1836, Joseph and his wife, Elizabeth Vandever Winkler, died, leaving a family of nine children to make their own way. The children lived on the home farm until grown.

Charles Vandever Winkler, the eldest son, who was only

15 years of age when his parents died, married Sarah Lane and lived on the Winkler homestead farm until his death in 1854. They had two children, Vashti and Luther, the latter born November 20, 1852.

On September 10, 1878, Luther Winkler married Semelia Harvey, who was also a descendant of early pioneer families of this community. Her maternal grandparents were Enoch Howell and Senele Gaston, whose families were among the few here in the 1830's. Her father, Joseph Harvey, of English descent, had come here from Greene County, Pennsylvania, when he was sixteen years of age.

Luther Winkler and Semelia Winkler were well known and highly respected by their neighbors and friends. They lived over a long span of years and were intensely interested in the development of agriculture, their life-long interest and occupation. They witnessed and shared the turning of unproductive swamp lands into tilled and fertile fields and the evolution of harvesting from the scythe to modern agriculture machinery. They worked hard and long in that vigorous manner typical of the pioneer stock of their forebears, yet remaining young in spirit, and were always found on the side of progress when questions affecting their community arose. They lived to celebrate their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary Sept. 10, 1942.

To them were born six children: Mildred Winkler Choyce, Lucretia Winkler Hawkins, Charles, Harvey, Ray and Ross. Ray lived with his parents until his death in 1946. Surviving are Ross and Harvey. Ross and his wife, Aurelia Johnson Winkler, live in Seattle, Washington. Their two children are Elizabeth and Joseph. Harvey and his wife, Rae McFarlan Winkler, live on the Winkler Homestead Farm.

Luther Winkler died November 1, 1942; Semelia, his wife, March 9, 1948, both being in their ninetieth year.

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The Railroad

One of the best investments made by the early residents of this community was the \$12,000 they gave to help finance the building of a railroad through Newman township. The money came from a bond issue and was not paid until the road was actually built about 20 years after the company had been given a charter.

The settlers had found a fertile soil which would produce abundantly of corn, wheat and other grains, but because of having to deliver at distant markets, it was necessary to send their produce "on the hoof". This was not too difficult with cattle, but to drive fat hogs 40 or 50 miles overland presented many problems, such as feed and water.

There wasn't much money in the pockets of the early settlers and that was constantly being taken out of the country to pay for the necessities they could not produce. To prosper, they had to have money coming in. Economical and dependable transportation with convenient shipping stations would make this possible. A railroad would also provide travel accommodations, faster and better mail service, and other benefits.

In 1835, the Great Western Railroad was built through Homer and the Illinois Central through Tuscola, and at about the same time, what is now the New York Central was built through Paris, Ashmore and Charleston. To deliver even a small wagon load of corn or wheat at these towns required not less than a 36-mile trip and at least 12 hours of travel time.

The Indiana and Illinois Central railroad, which is now the Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Springfield Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, was chartered by the State of Indiana on Jan. 1, 1853.

Information as to when the survey for the line was made is not available. The granting of a charter to the Illinois Central Railroad, with its immense subsidy of public lands by the State of Illinois, started a rash of railway promotion schemes in Illinois and Indiana. Surveyors were sent out to run the proposed lines so that costs could be estimated. The next step was to get the money to finance construction, or provide attractive bait for the sale of stock.

The Decatur and Indianapolis Railroad Co. was con-

solidated with the I & I C railroad company in 1855. A brief history of the building of the line as supplied by the B & O Railroad Co. says: "Constructed by the I & I C Railroad Company, Wabash River to Decatur, Ill., 85 miles in 1853" and "Constructed partly by the I & I C Railroad Co., completed by the Indianapolis, Decatur and Springfield Railroad Co., Indianapolis to Wabash River, 67.67 miles, 1875". In 1888, it was sold at foreclosure and became the Indianapolis, Decatur and Western Railroad. In 1902, it was consolidated with the C H & D R R to become the C I & W railroad. It follows a direct east-west line through central Douglas county with only a

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Townsite promoters followed closely on the heels of the railroad engineers who made the surveys and selected likely looking spots for development. There is information available which indicates that the Newman site was picked in 1854, but it was not until three years later that they could get title to the land needed, and the town laid out.

There are no stories of anyone ever being trampled under foot in a rush to buy lots during the first 15 years of its existence. It made a slow and steady growth, but most of the dwelling houses and store buildings were small and lightly constructed which could be moved to another location if it became necessary.

When the railroad was built, the roadbed was graded by men with teams and "slip scrapers" and the ties laid on the earth and it became quite a problem to maintain the tracks. It was several years before enough gravel could be brought in from pits in Indiana to supply the needed ballast.

Operating a train in the early days was a hazardous occupation. There were no automatic couplers; the cars being fastened together by coupling links and coupling pins and many brakemen had their hands so badly mashed between the drawbars that amputation was necessary. Air brakes were not in general use, except on locomotives, and when a freight would approach a town, brakemen would climb to the top of the cars to set the brakes on each car they could reach, by turning and locking the brake wheel. With this assistance, the engineer could usually stop the train somewhere near where he wanted to bring it to a halt. These early locomotives had an enormous appetite for fuel and a fireman literally shoveled his way from one town to another.

At first only one switch track was laid. It began at Broadway and extended five or six blocks. It was on the north side of the main line and served the elevator, coal sheds, the loading pens for livestock, and storage space for cars which brought merchandise and other supplies to Newman. When an elevator was built east of Broadway, another switch track was made. It was not until many years later that the "passing track" was built on the south side.

For many years, the Newman depot was open 24 hours daily except on Sundays. Many able men have served the railroad as its agent in Newman. J. Fred Carter was one of these, resigning a few years ago after a long term of service here. Clark Arganbright has been agent here for many years and is still on duty.

The coming of the railroad in 1873 ushered in a new era

for Newman and the surrounding countryside. It marked the beginning of draining the swamp lands by open ditches and tile drains, making them available for grain farming and for desirable home sites. The flow of incoming money rapidly increased and the country became more prosperous. The residents of Newman were now convinced that the town was "here to stay" and began to use brick for building store rooms and residences, and larger and more substantial frame buildings. Newman became one of the most profitable stations for the railroad and in turn it has been paying taxes annually into the city, school, township and county funds.

The last bond of that \$12,000 issue was paid off almost 70 years ago.

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The first drayman in the new city was Ward Dudley, father-in-law of Mrs. Charles Dudley.

Mr. Dudley's dray was a one-horse affair, the dray, itself, fitted with heavy shafts and the bed balanced, to a certain extent, on two wheels. A support along the shafts prevented the full weight of the load from resting on the horse's back while the cartons, boxes, etc., were being piled onto the dray.

It did, however, require a very strong horse to handle the fully-loaded dray and the backband through which the shafts passed was very wide and well padded.

The dray was high enough to make it level with the loading platform at the station or railroad car door.

There was a purpose in having only two wheels — it made the drag on the horse about half of what it would have been with a four-wheel dray struggling through the deep mud.

Draying services were based on contracts between the drayman and individual merchants who arranged for all their freight or express shipments to be handled whenever they happened to come.

For many years, the horse-drawn dray was the common vehicle for freight transportation. It was used by M. D. Campbell and his son, Ben, (Ben had lost a leg in a railroad accident and used a crutch while he worked).

Daniel Cole, grandfather of

M. S. Susan Thom, also operated a one-horse dray for a number of years.

The first two-horse dray, insofar as memory serves, was operated by George Baney, who also operated a coal hauling business in Newman. William Lipscomb was another of the early draymen.

Many draymen have operated in Newman but these were the earliest, the two-wheelers pulled through the muck and mire by a laboring draft horse, creating a picture symbolical of the small city of that period struggling for its very existence in the face of seemingly impossible odds.

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A Newman country boy became a contender for the title of World's Champion Heavyweight Wrestler. He never won the crown, but for several years was regarded as the second best professional wrestler in the United States. Dr. B. F. Roller met every first class wrestler in America and never lost a fall, except to the champion, Frank Gotch.

In those days, wrestling was a good, clean sport, engaged in by well-trained and skillful athletes, and a "match" was not a well-rehearsed act between some of the over-stuffed clowns.

Frank Roller attended a country school not far from the family home on The Ridge. In 1892, when 16 years of age, he entered DePauw University, taking a pre-medical course. As he had never attended high school, he did not complete the course until 1896. While at DePauw, he played football and used up his four years of eligibility as a college athlete. He went from there to the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his degree in medicine. During his student days at Penn, he earned a part of his expenses playing with a Pittsburg professional football team. He opened an office in Philadelphia, but after two years decided to locate in Seattle, Wash.

One night, a Canadian wrestler who was in Seattle offered \$300 to any opponent he could not pin in 30 minutes. Dr. Roller, who was 31 years of age at that time and who had never wrestled professionally, accepted the challenge and pinned the Canadian in 12 minutes. Frank liked the sport, so employed an instructor and trainer and followed it as a sideline for a few years. He died in New York City in 1934 of pneumonia.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Roller and a brother of William, Ernest, Andrew, George and Manford Roller.

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There were some good pranksters here in the by-gone days. John Anderson was the best, but Joe Fansler could think up some good ones. A gentle young heifer, a huge pair of horns, and some plaster of Paris created an unusual and outraged beast one night on the commons north of the railroad. The joke was so good it made the Chicago papers and, of course, provided laughs for a long time.

Earl Swickard has a set of tools which his grandfather made and then used to build his house and barn.

From an 1895 copy of The Independent, in an article concerning Mrs. Jane McAllister's 84th birthday party, was this information describing travel in the early 1820's. Mrs. McAllister, when a 12-year-old girl, with her family

left Mifflin, Pa., on the Clarion river, then went down the Ohio and up the White river to Lawrenceberg, Ind. The raft used was homemade by and for the five families embarking on it. It had small cabins for sleeping and one for a kitchen, with a fireplace for cooking. The men of the party hunted game along the banks as they moved along, and the entire trip was remembered ever after as having been a most enjoyable journey. Mrs. McAllister was the maternal grandmother of Grace Scroggin Stickles. Those present at the birthday celebration: Mesdames J. R. Page, S. C. Cash, J. S. Dawson, Ed Nichols, Emily Roller, M. S. Smith, Martin Robinson, Glen McIntyre, A. E. Hamilton, J. L. Berkley, Sue Springer, F. K. Page, P. P. Dawson, Maude Gillogly, Belle McIntyre, Henley Eversole.

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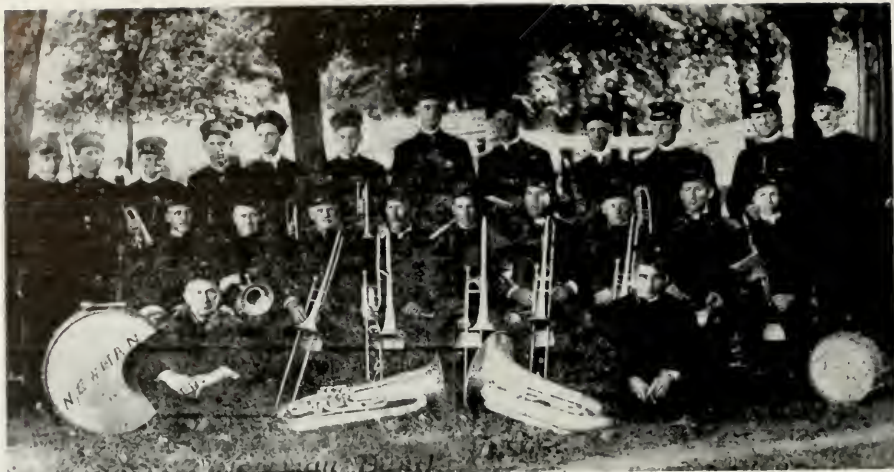
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THIS WAS THE NEWMAN band at the time when, perhaps, it was enjoying the peak of its popularity. In the front row, left to right are Mose Smith and Edward Waters. In the second row, Fritz Streibich, Albert Smith, Hezekiah Shute, Simon Fuller, an unidentified man of the band, Otis Matheney, Ernest

Sutton, another unidentified man and John M. Pound. Third row, Paul Burgett, Willis Holden, Kenneth Pound, Albert W. Richards, H. B. Smith, Eugene Root, Dr. Cyrus W. Rutherford, Cloyd Shute, Alva Bradford, William Wiley, Charles W. Record and Charles C. Burgett.

The Band

It is almost impossible to chronicle the community life of Newman during the last years of the 1800's and the first years after the turn of the century without bringing attention to the widely known Newman Band. Hardly an event of note could be termed a success without the appearance of The Band.

According to information available to us, the first band was organized in 1875 by John Watts. In 1880, Charles Pettit re-organized the membership and became band director. At that time, there were ten pieces in the band and according to old records, "the band was in demand upon all occasions when a little 'rhythmic disturbance' was needed to fill up the intermission between speeches."

The band grew and flourished over the years. During the late 80's, it was known as "Shute's Marine Band" and reached the height of its strength and popularity in the early 1900's.

On Oct. 10, 1902, a band reunion was held. The entire day in Newman was devoted to paying tribute to all past and current members of the community's best-known musical organization.

The day's program included:

9 a. m. — Assemblage at the Opera House.

10 o'clock — Public concert. Invocation by Rev. L. R. Thomas, vocal solo by Mrs. J. M. Kyde, Welcome by G. O. Moore, response by W. W. Pepper, address by Rev. Thomas on "Effects of Music for the Betterment of Mankind". Dinner was served by the ladies' auxiliary of the band.

1:30 — Overture by the band, address at 2 p. m. by the Rev. J. H. Piper on "Advantage of a Band to a Country Town"; 2:30, recording and reproductions of records on Grand Graphophone; 3:00, address by Rev. Glick, followed

by selection by the band and "Burlesque on Band" by W. W. Pepper.

At the time of the reunion, there had been more than 90 men who had been members of the band and of that number, more than 50 came back to Newman for the reunion.

Charter members of the band were H. Shute, baritone, A. B. Smith, E-flat cornet, Simon Fuller, tenor, J. C. House, B-flat cornet, C. L. Swigart, E-flat cornet, William Baney, tenor, Doug Tatman, base drum, George Waters, alto, Brad Shute, tuba, and Charles Hooe, snare drum.

For many years, public concerts were held in the band stand in the park, first on the second floor and later, when the band stand was rebuilt, on the first floor. Many listeners will recall Stormy Bill Ellington's performance in "A Hunting Scene", the late M. S. Smith with his big tuba and trombone solos by the late Otis Matheney.

Persons most familiar with the Newman Band give a great deal of credit for its contribution to the community to Mose Smith and Albert Richards.

In Memory Of

Mr. and Mrs. Moses S. Smith

and

Miss Martha R. Smith



SLUGGERS—This picture from the annals of Newman sports activities was taken in 1893 and was loaned to The Independent by Mrs. Lulu VanDyne. It shows one of the earliest baseball teams—the City Hotel Club. The individuals in the picture, as identified by one of the players, are, first row, left to right, J. T. Sollers, catcher; Delmar Ashmore, second

base; Harry White, right field; George Goodwin, pitcher. Standing, Potter P. Long, one of the team's most ardent fans; John Rutherford, shortstop; George Barr, first base; Palmer Hancock, left field; Bruce W. VanDyne, centerfield; Fred L. White, third base, and Davie Miller, manager. The lone horseman in the rear is Albert Smith.

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A chance reading of a news item which appeared in the Newman Independent over half a century ago brought back a dim recollection of something that happened in the long ago past and also suggested a possible source of authentic information.

The news item read: "July 5, 1905—Manford Roller has bought Perry Dawson's automobile."

That automobile was the first owned by a resident of Newman. It was an "Olds" two-passenger roadster with a one-cylinder motor, a curved "dashboard," and had a "tiller" instead of a wheel for steering. It had a warning device—a horn with a rubber bulb which, when squeezed, gave out a shrill "peep". It had no top or windshield, but did have coal-oil burning lights for night driving. The motor was started by inserting a crank at the side. When properly "tuned up" it would run 30 miles an hour. It sold for \$900.

The owners of this beauty were Perry Dawson and Charles O. Taylor. After a short time, Mr. Taylor sold his interest to Mr. Dawson.

After using it four years, Mr. Dawson sold it to Manford Roller for \$300. He drove it four years and then sold it to a Mr. Stotts of Newman, a tailor, for \$100. Mr. Roller says the last time he saw it Mr. Stotts was walking behind the car, pushing it back into town.

The ground now occupied by the Grab-It-Here store was once the site of a large livery stable operated by A. J. Fonner. In front of the stairway next to the curb is a small square of concrete which appears to be a part of the sidewalk. Underneath it is a well which supplied water to a trough for watering horses.



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In 1904, an interesting birthday record was given by Lennie England Thompson, secretary of the Pleasant Ridge Sunday School: Apr. 4, Jimmie Kincaid gave 13 pennies, Apr. 10 Ervin Kincaid gave 10 pennies, May 4 Ray Kincaid gave 8 pennies, May 4 Teddy Hull gave 15 pennies, Nov., Harvey Lloyd gave 13 pennies and Bertha Kincaid gave 16 pennies.

At the time Sherm Cook's house burned, it is told on good authority, William Heeb, who was post master at the time, rushed into the house, threw a dresser with a looking glass in it out of the window, and rushed downstairs carrying a featherbed.

Church going called for fortitude in the early days. People came many miles to participate in the services — via horseback and walking. Kitchen chairs were placed in farm wagons, lanterns and hot bricks were used for heat. Families climbed aboard as each farm house was passed. Often, men and boys had to walk to ease the load and to probe the deep, waxy mud from the wheels and to find the roadbed. Sleighs with bells and bobsleds were popular during the Winter. One event happened after a heavy snow when a sleigh load of young people came northeast of Newman to the J. R. Page farm where Ervin Kincaid now lives, for a songfest. Mrs. Page had the first Melodion in the country, shipped here from New York. Emma McAlister, a very young woman and a teacher, who was an occupant of the sleigh, said the snow was so deep and the horses lunging so the sleigh upset and all were thrown out. She had to be pulled out by the heels, and it was a comical sight to see the legs of others sticking out of the drifts "like toothpicks in icing".

Robert Albin, father of Sanford Albin, was married twice, Sanford being the eldest child of the second marriage. Nancy, the mother, had the idea that Robert did not love the children of the second family as he did the first family until there was a lot of ice that had to be walked over. Robert crawled on his hands and knees with Sanford on his back rather than risk falling with him.

Herding a drove of cattle from the Winkler homestead to the Chicago market, letting them graze and grow as they moved along would probably seem too slow to Harvey Winkler. But an ancestor of his did that very thing and seemed to enjoy it from the tone of his letter, written after he reached Chicago.

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It is a matter of history that once in very hard times, Marion and Jim Young's great-grandfather, an early settler on the Ridge, hauled a load of corn to Homer to sell and received less money for it than he did for a pound of honey sold the same day.

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CHORISTERS—At the time this picture was taken, these people were in great demand as musical entertainers at civic and church programs in Newman. The inspiration for the glee club was the gentleman who dominates the center of the picture, but whose name has escaped the memory of everyone contacted.

The chorus was under the general management of Elmer Dawson. Those in the picture, using their names at the time the photograph was taken — Front row, left to right, Miss Mable Campbell, Miss Bessie Burgett, Miss Alice McIntyre, Miss Carolyn Thomas, Miss Elaine Root, Mrs. Pearl Gillogly; second

row, Miss Jessie Douglas, Miss Mabel Hancock, Miss Verdie Dawson, Miss Anna Harper, Miss Bertha Scotten and Miss Verna Good; third row, Roy Stout, Shelley R. Burgett, the director (unidentified), Fred White and Elmer Dawson.

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Possessed of a competitive and aggressive spirit as they were, it was natural that Newman's early citizens should turn frequently to outdoor sports as an outlet for the energy they brought with them — and further, that this same spirit should be one of the proud heritages cherished by present generations.

As early as the annals of the town seemingly can be traced, baseball has been a major sport and has produced dozens of players with more than ordinary ability. Two of these — J. T. and Ira Sollers — supplied the data on which this article was based when it appeared originally in "Other Years", a collection of articles published by The Independent.

Baseball as played here during the 70's and 80's was radically different from today's game.

The size of the diamond and the distance between the bases has remained the same, but changes have been made in the distance between the pitcher's mound and home plate, due in part to the changing of rules governing the delivery of the ball by the pitcher.

In the earlier games, a batter was allowed four strikes and needed seven balls to entitle him to a "walk". Fouls were not considered strikes and the catcher, having no glove, mask or protector, usually played the ball on the first bounce. A foul tip caught by the catcher, whether tipped or on the fly, retired the hitter.

The "curve ball" of today's game was impossible to throw with the early ball which had no raised seams and pitchers used either an underhand pitch or straight fast

ball.

Rube Tatman, son of Lee Tatman, the wagon maker, is generally credited with developing the first curve in these parts after the introduction of the horseshoe covered "dead" ball in the late 70's. Just how Rube became proficient as a curve-ball pitcher has escaped the records, but there is no doubt that lefthand hitters who first faced this new delivery backed away from the plate like they were dodging bumblebees.

The first regulation "skinned" diamond in Newman was located on the block where H. B. Rutherford's home now stands. It was just behind the old blacksmith shop. Home plate was near where Robert Smith now lives and the outfield was to the northwest.

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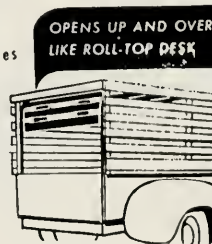
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lington, fullback, Ted Carnes, right guard, Clovis Carnes, left guard, Loren Hood, quarterback, Davey Ellington, mascot, Clayton C. Barr, fullback, Dr. Roy Coffey, quarterback, George Carnes, right tackle, Clarence Rude, substitute quarterback. Their record, displayed in the center, speaks for itself.

by teams from surrounding towns — Tuscola, Atwood and numerous games with Oakland and Kansas teams, who were considered natural rivals since so many of the Newman people had lived in these communities before coming here.

Umpires of that day were as adamant as they are today where their decisions were concerned. Rube Tatman had an "outdrop" which he used frequently with great success because of this peculiarity of the part of certain arbiters. It was their contention that a ball which started straight could not change direction and, according to that logic, it continued through the strike zone.

Newman has had a lot of players and those named here are not necessarily all-time all-stars but merely constitute members of a team that played regularly during the 1870's and 1880's.

These early diamonders included Charles Cash, who caught barehanded; George Bane, uncle of Boyd Bane, who also caught and was considered one of the team's hitting stars; John Suit, Homer Bilby, Rube Tatman and George Morrow. Morrow also took his turn as a pitcher. John

Stickels played first base, Jack Wright and M. S. Smith, together with Bryant Gillispie, played the infield. For outfielders, the team had J. W. Fansler, Lou Hickman, Luther Winkler, J. C. Gillogly, W. H. Thompson and Kit

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Following the publication of the story on an early baseball team, Mrs. Lulu VanDyne provided *The Independent* with a picture of an 1893 team that revived new memories. It was the "City Hotel Club" nine and was sponsored by George W. Williams, who, at that time, operated the City Hotel, located where the Newman Hotel now stands. Sometime when you're walking past the hotel look for the words "City Hotel" which were etched in the wet cement at the time the sidewalk was built — they're still readable.

The picture was taken in front of the home of E. L. Tackitt, former Newman mayor. You will note that the team still played without the benefit of baseball gloves, with the exception of the catcher, who possesses the semblance of a catcher's mitt and a mask. Of special interest also, is the prominent display of bats. One of the players, who still lives in Newman, recalls that a broken bat was a major catastrophe.

This team played opponents from Hume, Tuscola, Metcalf, Oakland and Longview and won most of their games.

Among the ardent followers of the team were men well-known in the town at the time—James Barr, Anson Skinner, Joseph VanDyne, Joseph Eagler and T. M. Sindenstricker were some of the fans to be found along the sidelines at every game, offering special inducements for stellar performances.

Newman's intense interest in the rugged sport of football unquestionably was fostered during its embryonic stage by the stout-hearted aggregation in the picture which accompanies this article, another in our series on the history of "The Best Little City in Eastern Illinois."

So much has been written—and well it might be, since football has furnished no little center of interest here — about various football teams that picking this particular

group for comment might be regarded as discriminating. But, aside from the physical and mental acumen required of the participants, there is little resemblance to our modern game.

The team pictured here, as well as others of the era, was composed of both high school and "town men." Early interest in the game here—it was Rugby football then—gained impetus from the prominence gained by George Roller, who had played football at DePauw University, and Dr. Frank Roller, who played with the University of Pennsylvania team.

Several local sports enthusiasts also had seen football played at the University of Illinois.

This was a game in which no forward passing was allowed, seven men were required on the line of scrimmage and a team had to make five yards for a first down. The so-called plays were either bone-crushing line plunges by

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the fullback or end sweeps by the halfbacks. These rugged lads paid little attention to intricate formations to confuse the opposition, although they did use a criss-cross play with one halfback handing the ball to the other as they ran in opposite directions behind the line of scrimmage.

The team's repertoire of plays totalled about nine. The quarterback called signals and handled the ball on every play except on punts when the pass from center went direct to the kicker.

The playing field was 110 yards long and the goal posts were set on the goal line. There was no huddle to check the play coming up. Very few penalties were imposed since offside was about the only infraction recognized. Ball-tackling was a common practice and roughness was considered very necessary, in whatever degree it was administered—no such thing as "unnecessary roughness" for these boys.

Football suits in this stage of the game's development were unpadded but shin guards and nose armor were an absolute necessity, while headgear, although not common, was used to some extent.

Also in conformity with the rules, a reluctant fullback not only could be pushed by a couple of eager halfbacks to pick up an additional yard or so, but they could literally drag his battered body or heave him through the air, if possible.

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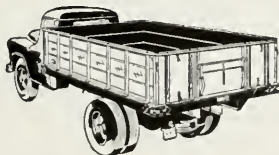
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Grandpa T. W. Biddle told about walking home through the woods one night in his youth. He heard something following him and the closer he got to the house, the faster he ran. He dashed in the door and grabbed the rifle from above the door and fired. The next morning, he looked out and saw a big dead boletac hanging across the gate.

In the early days before the Village of Newman was laid out, the settlement was known as the "Brushy Fork of the Ambraw".

The nearest neighbor of the widow Sarah J. Kincaid was the William M. Young family that lived over west. His son, Marion Young, a very young lad at the time, riding through the slough hunting their one cow, saw a curl of smoke over east among the trees and hurried home to tell Ma and Pa they had neighbors.

T. E. Thompson's grandfather Golden built a large barn on the side of a hill, with a room for the stock below. His grandmother kept count of one hundred pies she baked for the "barn raising", then quit counting. An aunt told of having seen, from high in this great barn, the Indians riding through the prairie grass.

Dr. C. Rutherford, who practiced medicine in Newman for more than 50 years and was one of our most respected citizens but who also was a notoriously bad scribe, we are told, was prescribing for a patient and gave him a box of pills with instructions written on the box. The following day, the patient returned and asked the doctor to tell him how the medicine should be taken as he could not make out the instructions. Dr. Rutherford took the box of pills, looked at the instructions for a minute and said: "I tell you what I'll do; I'll give you another box of medicine."

From The Independent, Apr. 20, 1917 — Mr. Samuel Baxter of Murdock sold 20 head of hogs Monday to Simington & Hunt at Tuscola, which brought him perhaps the largest amount of money for the same number of porkers ever sold in Douglas county. They were sold for \$15.25 per 100 and brought \$770.12.

Sarah Chatman Gaston, mother-in-law of Joseph Skinner, was born on the St. Lawrence River, where her parents were captives of the Indians. — From Douglas County History.

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HARRY BAXTER

Harry Baxter married Faye Long in 1910. He engaged in farming for several years and then moved to Newman where he was active in business, civic, and church circles. He served his community in the state legislature from 1923-1930. He was a member of the various Masenic bodies.

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Stroddard M. Long, pioneer farmer and later banker, married Mary Pounds who became his faithful helpmate. His business sagacity was shown by the fact that in 1876 the price of corn was so low that most farmers used the corn for fuel, but Mr. Long built rail cars, stored his crop, and the next year bought 80 acres of land from the corn sale. He was a member of the state legislature. His rare gift of humor delighted his friends.

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When in 1852 James and John Coolley and William Williams Young bought land on the R'dge, they located it in the sea of prairie grass by first finding the government marker, called an established corner, one-half mile north of where Newman now is. Then they tied a rope to one wheel of the wagon with a hickory withe tied to the free end of the rope, which would making a slapping sound as it struck the ground with each revolution of the wheel. One man drove with compass in hand to be sure they went directly north. The other two counted the revolutions. Good old 3.1416!

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Newman Lodge A. F. & A. M.

No. 369

Newman Lodge, perhaps the oldest fraternal organization in the city, was chartered October 2, 1861, by the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, Ira S. W. Buck, Grand Master, with the following officers:

W. A. Smith — Worshipful Master
William Hancock — Senior Warden
William F. Murphy — Junior Warden
Isaac Howard — Treasurer
I. W. Burgett — Secretary
W. A. Lowe — Senior Deacon
Charles Younger — Junior Deacon
Robert Albin — Tyler

The original lodge hall was located in a wooden building, standing near the southeast corner of the City Park. The

upper floor was used for the lodge. It was in 1872 that the lodge purchased the upper floor of the present building, which from that time has been the home of the lodge. Newman lodge has had a continuous and prosperous existence. All records of all meetings are intact and a complete record of all who have received the degrees of Masonry in Newman lodge are in possession of the lodge officers. At the time of the fire in 1933 when the records were in the possession of Dr. J. M. Wagner, they were in danger of being destroyed. The doctor rescued them from the burning building and though charred, showing the effects of the fire, they are intact and legible.

Through the 95 years, 504 men have been made Master Masons in Newman lodge.

The Following Have Served As Master Of The Lodge

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To rule well has been the privilege of but few."*

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As we submit our last copy to the printer we would like to express our appreciation to everyone who has contributed in any way in the preparation of our Centennial Booklet. Without the generous spirit and diligent efforts of all, our Tribute to Our Prairie Pioneers could not and would not have been possible.

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- 10:00—Opening of Headquarters. Registration at Headquarters. Visit window displays and antiques.
- 10:30—Welcome, President of Newman Centennial
- 11:00—Free Acts: The Lancasters
- 1:00—Opening of Rides and Concessions
- 1:30—Free Acts
- 2:00—Sisters of the Swish Parade
- 3:00—Judging of the Beards
- 4:00—Concert, NCHS Band
- 5:00—Visit Antique Displays
- 7:00—Free Acts: The Lancasters
- 8:30—Pageant
- 10:00—Square Dance Led by Farmer Stulz

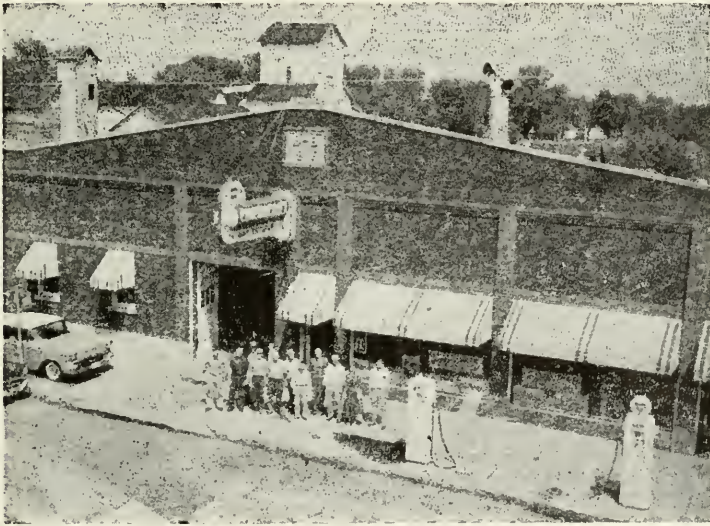
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- 10:00—Youth Parade, Games and Contests
- 1:00—Free Acts: Sheriff Sid and the Rhythm Rangers
- 2:00—Kings and Queens of Yesteryear and Tomorrow
- 3:00—Barbershop Quartet, Men of Note
- 4:00—Nancee South of WTHI-TV on the Hammond Organ
- 4:30—Accordion Band Directed by Mrs. John Armstrong
- 7:00—Nancee South on the Hammond
- 8:00—Sheriff Sid and Rhythm Rangers
- 9:00—Dance. Gene Trimble's Orchestra

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